Jan 1, 1957

A nice brisk sunny day that turned chilly when a cold wind came up in the afternoon.

I rested at the desk all morning and went out about 12^30. I fixed the cold flame, got in wood & turned the compost pile. It is too dry & I should thoroughly soak it down at the first opportunity.

I then started to cut brush & lay it down at right angles to the slope to catch the leaves that are now blowing up to the top of the hill & lodging where they are not needed I should have done it long ago.

Blair, Bruce, Geoff, Martha & Hoang all helped cut brush. The last two didn't get too much done but they learned something Bruce is getting good with an ax & Geoff is learning fast.

All the Elders & their families here for dinner.

Jan 13, 1957

I got home from Michigan, Connecticut & N Y at Midnight last night. Did nothing outside but shovel a Mr. Bennett & Paul Mahis sent him out) about the place. He is interested in rock gardens.

I did outside chores & visited with the girls all of whom were out with their families.

Nice day but the ground frozen hard

Jan 26, 1957

We got home from Kentucky last night after dark. The rain gauge held 1^5/8 inches of water so the snow & rain since we left must have been nearly that much. The thermometer showed it had been 6° below zero at least once in our absence - the lowest it

Jan 26, 1957 (cont)
has been said we moved out here. The Rhododendrons, azaleas, skimmia + Salal seem to be alright however and show no signs of injury. Things in Cut Fed Bk. Got in some wood, spread mulch over the flower bed and sawed a few sticks of wood. There are about a dozen snowdrops in full bloom. Narcissus, Iris reticulata, crocus etc all thru the ground + ready to go
Pinks, Al Hochbaum, + Frank McKenney all here all afternoon. Ann to Jacks for dinner + to see the baby she is taking care of for the welfare group.
Jan 27, 1957
Planted 5 big clumps of Primroses that Rose sent out with Pinks yesterday. Put out a lot of mouse poison in the garden + sawed wood for a while. Am too apt to do much however + will have to break into this outdoor work rather gradually. Am here on the jump for 4 weeks + had no chance to get any exercise.
Jan 28, 1957
I stayed at home today + worked at the mail also sawed a little wood + read the rain Gauge. It was foggy in morning and about 11:00 It started to rain + has kept it up almost steadily all day.
Jan 31, 1957
At home. worked at desk most of the day. Only went out 2 doors to get in wood + do the necessary chores.
Feb 3, 1957
I was at home all day but didn't get much done either outside or in. Iris + June + Pauline

Feb 3, 1957

were Liars. I went out in the morning despite a drizzling rain & split some wood, filled the wood box, and did the regular watering chores I potted 44 Omnizon star Aquilegias & the pot dreant looks as tho many were taken out.

Also got some more dirt altho it was a messy job, spaded along the Boysen berries and trimmed up some brush. I was tired by that time & quit working. Slept some in afternoon & had a bad night last night.

Feb 4, 1957

I stayed at home. Woke up with a back ache & a head ache & didn't get up until 9 30.

after breakfast I felt better & put the new leaf basket on the wheelbarrow. I got one load of leaves & tried to take it down the gate but I pulled the basket loose & had a hell of a time. The next load I dumped on the west side of the garden & pitched it over. It worked better but I was too shaky to do any more. Looked over the place a while, pushed plants that had been heaved by the frost back into the ground

Worked at the desk & got my Harris Seed Co order out.

Feb 5, 1957

Using the new leaf basket I hauled enough leaves to cover the blueberry patch better than I've ever done. Also turned up the little wall in the garden where the frost had heaved the stones. My colored man Cash Boone is back today & is working in the ditch

Feb 13, 1957

Home today on daylight for first time since Feb 5th. Worked on garage building a new cold frame. Got it cut & framed with a copper screen

Feb 14, 1957

It was nice this morning. Cash Bowles worked & finished the ditch for the mulch pipes rose & I worked putting the cold frame together & then he & I weed the Lilac rocks that way left on the septic field, made a rough wall & fell & set the frames. He banked up around it while I put things etc on the frames. Got them already to put on when it started to rain & snow. It has been at it steadily since & I'm going to take a nap & then go to work at the desk.

3 yellow crocus out on the first terrace
2 Christmas Rose buds half open
1 February gold Narcissus has a large bud
Iris reticulata, grape Hyacinths, Anemone blanda
Narcissus etc coming up all over the place

Feb 15, 1957

I got home early enough to put the sash on the cold frames & move all the plants out of the old cot bed. There was a mouse in the old frame & we had done a lot more digging. Went to the Packards for dinner & then Elsa took me to the train for Boston at 11:45 P M

Feb 17, 1957

My plane was exactly on time. Jane & Dave met me and took me home. after dinner Jeff & I took about 20 baskets of leaves out of the barberries & off the Perennials in front of the house. We also took sand out of the old cot bed to finish filling the new cold frame It is now already to fill with plants.

Feb 18, 1957

Got home about 3:00 Ray & I went to work on the new hot bed. Found that Heckmeyer had sent a 2X10 instead of a 2X12 for

Feb 18, 1957 (cont)
the back of the frame & they had also sent out pieces of 1x4 instead of the 4 foot lengths I ordered. I found some other stuff & made one more 1x2 frame and also found a piece of 2 in slab which I ripped by taking the bottom & using Hambs saw for it. Also tore out the old frame and gathered up the leaves & dumb around it.

Feb 19, 1957
I worked all morning finishing the hot bed and leveling the place for it. Then set started to rain and I planted 11 pots of seed.
6 plants over
9 grew 2 Malus floribunda " Coral place
2 grew 3 Sophora japonica
4 grew 4 " Libapetela grandiflora
8 only 1 5 Genista aethenensis
few 6 Cytisus albus
19 grew 7 " praecox
3 " 8 " scoparius andreanus
2 " 9 " purpureus
2 or 3 " 10 " hybrido blend
6 " 11 Pinon Pine

Feb 22, 1957
Arrived at airport from Omaha at 2 45. Jim met me & brot me home. I finished the hot bed before dinner & it is now ready to place out behind the house.

Feb 23, 1957
at last a decent day on a week end. I put the new hot bed into operation with Hambs help then I transplanted all the Columbine & put them in the hot bed. Also planted a de

Feb 23, 1957 cont'd
in pots of Tomato, Early Cabbage & Head
Lettuce.
Fertilized the English Holly, Blackberries
Grapes, Dates, & Raspberries & put dust down
to bands up around the Cut heads
Watered stuff in beds & spray fly
forsythia & lilacs with dormant Spray.
Cristie here all day. She was out & down
with me part of the time. Jane & Dore &
Iris & Ben family here for dinner. I was
bushed when they left & came
Feb 24, 1957
Geof & I moved six good sized azaleas
out of the terraces & put them up above the
house.
Ed Campbell came & we took the buggy &
the big load I used over to Gail & Woody.
We get back just in time for me to go
to Thompsons & help move his tires back
from the wood.
Cory Ford & a young fellow by the name
of Jim Perkins came out to talk about
Army & particularly air force affairs
Gail & Woody were there & we got a bunch
of Halls Honeysuckle & dog wood & a Jap
Quince. Fixed a Cold Tonight
Feb 25, 1957.
I got home about 3:00 PM & moved the Azalea Mollis
& a couple of other plants up the hill. It was long
work & by the Time I had moved 16 I was bushed
& ready to quit
Ed Campbell was here & cut up 2 dead pines
& the big White oak that Glenn & I cut down
Now we have next winters wood supply ready
as soon as it is picked up & split

Feb 25, 1957 (cont)

Cash Brooks also showed up & worked part of the day with Campbell. They said they would start on the basement tomorrow. If they get it dug out & the cover wall built Ed has all the heavy chores finished that I had planned around the place.

Feb 26, 1957

I had my coat & hat on ready to start to town when I got an awful dose of the cramps. I tried to keep going but couldn't make it. Went to bed and stayed most of the day.

Ed Campbell & Cash Brooks working in the basement digging the hole I made larger & getting ready to put cement down in part of it.

Feb 27, 1957

Several yellow Dutch Crocus out today & many more snowdrops.

Del ship from Tennessee Nursery came & I had Campbell & Brooks plant the Mollyfoxa Rose & Evergreen Blackberry.

I planted a Blaze climber over our bedroom window & moved the Chinese bittersweet that had no berries out into a tree in front. Put a Hills of Snow Hydrangea up in the old picnic ground and an Abundance plum up by the garden.

Feet better today & did some work on the key report.

Robins in Numbers today.
Myrtle Warbler at the food tray for the first time
Fox Sparrows in numbers at feeding station
must be new migrant

Feb 28, 1957

To office but Ed Campbell + Cole Brothers finished putting out the ledge along the front of the place!

March 1, 1957

Feel better this morning. Snowing but most of morning I dictated letters & worked on the Kentucky report.

Only time I was out was for a few minutes to scrape the snow off the cold frames, get in some bloom over the planting job in the ledge. They did very well with it.

The ice & snow broke off the big limb on the Lunga White ash. It's down in the ground & left a very jagged stub.

Cabbage + Head lettuce seed are thru the ground in the hot bed

March 2, 1957

I worked outdoors all morning doing chores & odd jobs.

Burned trash, swept walks, ~~worked~~ put out bird food, watered plants in cold frame & hot bed took trash to Ashton.

Transplanted the tiny Cunninghamia Konanis. I bot 3 four years ago & divided them into about 9 plants. Put them in the shade on the first terrace below house

Set out two Juniper Hut Thompson's Joke

Put out rest of evergreen blackberries

Dug by garden & hoed the balance in the shade garden across the creek

Fertilized most of lilacs

Took compost hill out of the pile by garden & put on garden except that which I put around the grape vines

March 9, 1957

We got home the afternoon of March 7 but too tired to do anything except to water the plants

To day I planted

It never Stated to rain

Lonicera fragrantissima up in old picnic grounds.

3 Ilex verticillata down by pond edge

Ross Lepper out in afternoon + in walking the trail we found the first Skunk Cabbage thru the ground

March 10, 1957

Both Clara + I experienced a terrific let down after the strenuous week at the conference + leaving the Billians + the Leppers here.

I did a lot of small chores.

Put 1 sack of sheep manure on the asparagus

" sandlast around the lilacs Hemerocallis etc

set out a bunch of white pines on slope

" " several Azalea mudiflora along upper garden trail.

Cleared up trash there + old picnic ground

Cut a few dead stubs up around the new planting of white pines

Bulbocodium (Spring one of my very

Hardy Glads I planted last Spring coming

thru the ground.

Erantheus Hyemalis one bloom ready to open

Buds of Iris douglasii + Iris reticulata showing color. douglasii will open any time.

Snowdrops that opened the day before New years are all there but no or two roses

Buds showing thru ground evergreens + Camellias are up two inches

March 10, 1957
Lots of Robins + Bluebirds in the county
Bud at Feeding station
1 Mourning Dove 3
2. Downy Woodpecker 2
3 Hairy " 2
4 Red bellied " 1
6 Chickadee 6+ Carolina
6 Black capped Chickadee 1
7. Tufted Titmouse 3-4
8. White breasted Nuthatch 3+
9. Carolina Wren 1 or 2
10 Junco 20+
11. White throated Sparrow 10+
12. Fox Sparrow 7+
13 Cardinal 10+
14. Brown Creeper 2+

The figure with + sign means that that is maximum that I could count at any one time but there are certainly many Juncos, chickadees + cardinals visiting the station.

Mar 11, 1957
Ed Campbell came while I was getting in wood for tomorrow fire but no Cash Books.
I had him dump some dust to make a place to plant aquilegias in the rock below the drive.
Iris reticulata opened today 3 flowers below the house. Also Iris danfordi almost open by the kitchen door.

March 12, 1957
I spaded a while in the garden + got it to where I can now take advantage of any dry time to spade up more.
First buds of Anemone blanda are above ground

March 12, 1957

and also first bud of the Eranthus hyemalis are thru the ground but not open yet.

There were three Downy Woodpeckers at the suet at once this morning. the first time I've ever seen more than two. 2 males a female.

First Scilla sibirica flower open.

Phoebe arrived this morning.

March 13, 1957

Spaded a while in the garden & then went to town. Worked in office all day. Got home in evening & I had hen to Cyprus & lot of little feathers.

March 14, 1957

Stayed home all day to work on the Leffler matter but put in most of the day on the dam telephony. Talked to Wm Dice, Dan Janney, Laurence of F&W & Law Enforcement, Congressman Rogers of Mass. John Allen, Edgar Queeny.

Spaded some in the garden & turned Chelone glabra, asters, Clethra & 1 Magnolia burgessiana down & planted them in the nursery bed on the creek bottom

First flowers of today

Tulipa turkestanica.

Eranthus " up by garden

& Scilla Sibirica open.

22 Iris reticulata in the branch

First Pine Warbler this AM

March 15, 1957

Lots of Robins & Grackles are I went to town had a little spading to get after I got home with Stephen. First bank swallow caught

March 16, 1957

a beautiful day. Slim & I worked a while fixing a seed bed & planting vegetable seeds in the cold frame. I also planted four pots of seeds including Peggys Petunia seed.

Hauled sand & dirt down from Bobs drive & put it into the seed bed.

In afternoon I handed things to Woody while he cleaned the gutters & put the leaf guard on them. It should help.

Dug Azaleas & Anthemis for Gail & was all in when I finished.

Narcissus cyclamineus
" King alfred } all open today
Chiondoxa

The Iris reticulata is gorgeous as are the crocus, Iris danfordi, Helleborus niger etc.

Mar 17, 1957

I transplanted 7 little white pines
" head lettuce

Planted seeds of Aster, Marigreds, Pinkeye magellanica in pots.

Spades Martins garden & part of Howys with Slim helping by Howey & Nelson.

March 19, 1957

Stayed at home & worked at the desk all day only outside long enough to plant two glendale hybrid azaleas that Clara brot home - a red one & a white

Red is Pinata & white is Glacier

Also dug the big rock in the garden when I went up to read the rain gauge.

Went to town to Baum Konopka's Cocktail party at the Congressional Hotel

March 20, 1957
Stayed at Luna Clara + I walked around the place.. It was wet + damp.
Just flowers }
Dodecatheon Meadia
Pulmonaria

I came indoors at 10 = and started to work at the desk. The expressman called and I went out + got the package from E. C. Robbins, Gardens of the Blue Ridge.

I planted 4 small plants }
4 Rhododendron minus about picnic table
10 Shortia galacifolia among the azaleas along the upper garden path
10 Lilium philadelphicum along upper garden path
3 Cornus Canadensis " " " "
3 Tiarella cordifolia " " " "
3 Hydrastis Canadensis " " " "
3 Actaea rubra " " " "
1 Actaea alba " " " "

There should have been three but I spelled them in the leaves + couldn't find but one. So I planted it + the leaves two Looping at least one of the others would show up
3 Asarum shuttleworthi along upper garden trail
1 Caulophyllum thalictroides " " " "
1 Cimicifuga americana " " " "
1 " racemosa " " " "
3 Panax quinquifolia below dam
2 Trillium erectum " "
10 " cernuum } along trail from
10 " erectum } garage down to
10 " undulatum } the bottom land

I was tired when I finished + was very glad to have it over with. Came back to the desk. Hepatica buds showing.

Also planted 1 Clematis Jackmanii by garden

March 21, 1957

Cash Brooks came back to work today + has been hauling rocks out of the basement.

I spaded a whole in the garden & got some hellish big rocks out of it. Clara Lord came in & we have a large part of the upper half of the garden limed.

March 23, 1957

Steve came home with me last night & we went for a short bird hike this morning. after we came back we planted Aldermen tulips pens but it was a little wet to work they said So Steve went to market with Clara. I put out some peat around plants, remove markers etc while they were gone.

The postman brot a big bundle of stuff from the Spring Hill Nurseries, Tipp City Ohio It was nice stuff and I got it all planted somewhere.

3 Butternut trees bud } the Hackberry Ledge
3 Hardy Lycoris aurea } on second large
3 Delphinium belladonna } terrace down hill
3 " bellamosa } from the house

6 Mahonia aquifolium } In new grown
3 Taxus Luciana } bed by cold frame
3 Hypericum Hidcote }

2 Hardy Fuschia Riccartoni } in pots
3 Evergreen Firethorn } in old frame

6 Bletilla Hardy Orchid. In beds above Kitchen

1 Forsythia Lynwood Gold } old Picnic
3 Kolkwitzia Beauty Bush } ground
2 Hydrangea Hills of Snow

moved during rain

March 23, 1957 cont

12 Tuberous Begonias from Ruth Murray's in flat
+ 6 " " Clara Hot } under lawn

This entire order came in good shape.

After this stuff was planted Steve & I planted Wando Peas + about 1½ quarts of onion sets. I was tired when we finished altho I spread balance of a sack of lime & Steve put out a bucket full of Cottonseed meal.

I came down & got wood into the porch & burned the trash & then folded up about 5 30 lbs the longest day Dix put in out of doors all week.

Cash Brooks worked ~~Thursday~~, ½ day Friday (off in afternoon on account of rain) & worked all day today.

March 24, 1957

Beautiful morning & I felt pretty good despite being so tired last night.

Steve helped me
more 7 Royal Ferns } on into the
3 Iris pseudo acoris } new garden
Transplant 40 cabbage plants
6 Head lettuce

Just ~~Spring~~
Beauty
Blossom

Chop up clods as far as the garden is spaded & then planted seeds

Seed grew 1 Crocus various
" " 3 kinds of Anemone
Seedgrew A. Narcissiflora
" " A. canadensis
" " A. magellanica

1 mice ate up Sept 1960

1 Shrub Notospartium CARTILAGINEUM

Also put fertilizer & peat in the newly planted shrubs,

Used 2 bushels of potting soil No 3
3 Primula acaulis ~~red~~, dark red, pink & blue
2 Anemone ~~apeninus~~ blanda out
Scillas, crocus, & narcissus & Chionodoxa out all over

March 20, 1957

Stayed at home. But 11 Mt Laurel from along the wood + planted them below the cold frame. Also dug holes for the 8 Camellia sasanqua that Dr ordered.

Cash Brooks furnished spading the garden shortly after noon. I limed + raked it + it is now ready for fertilizer + planting.

Clara + I straight the basement and cleaned it up. It needed it.

Also took the mulch off the bed of Baptisias since I feared those small seedlings would not get thru it too readily. The peonies are coming thru ok. but the mice got many of the dutch bulbs

Several new Primules have flowers open

Shortia has a few flowers out

Hepatica one plant had a lot of bud + 1 open flr

Tulipa Kaufmanni has two buds showing color

" Red Emperor " several "

Narcissus coming out all over the place

Cash Brooks hauled the rocks for the central garden path and then went to work fixing my nursery beds near the cold frame.

March 29, 1957

The Starker order came while I was in Atlanta but Clara took good care of the plants

I put out this morning

1 Aconitum anthora
1 Cypripedium calceolus var pubescens

} in beds above Kalmia

Attach to Campanula

1 Campanula cochleariifolia Miranda
2 " " album (Daisy)
1 Gentiana acaulis angustifolia
1 " Sino ornata
1 Amphiachyris Cappadocica
1 " Verna

} potted + put in cold frame thru a Campanula bed

March 29, 1957 Cont)

1 Daphne mezereum out by bird feeding station
1 Genista Lilac Time } north side
2 " Kewensis } drive entrance

They were all nice plants

I also moved two Anemone Japonica + 3 Dicentra spina from the lower slope to the beds above the kitchen.

Put peat on several plants along the drive as well as those planted this morning.

First Hyacinth (Pink) } out this
" Hepatica } morning
" Tulipa Kaufmanni }

March 30, 1957

The first thing this morning I set out the plants from Clarendon gardens. They were very nice indeed but short on Camellia Sasanqua rosea. I shall watch tonight about it.

Then I put bone meal over the entire garden & planted seeds of Leaf Lettuce, Cos Lettuce, Parsnips, Celeraic, Kohl rabi, beets & Carrots. I planted radish seeds thinly in all the seed rows except the Lettuce & ~~Celeraic~~ Kohl rabi.

Put sand over the seed to insure that no rocks or clods would interfere with germination. Also planted peas on the north, & west sides of the garden along the fence. Whether they make peas or not they should help the soil.

also trimmed the raspberries, put down lime in most rows in the garden, fertilized the beds near the cold frame & watered both the cold frame & hot bed plants

March 30, 1957 Cont
I planted along the septic field & back
9 Lbs Crt Red.
all varieties
1 Camellia sasanqua apple Blossom
" Bruard Rosy
" Day Dream
and across the path which I will make
down to the front
1 Eleagnus pungens.
March 31, 1957
It went down to 24° last night but doesn't
seem to have harmed the magnolia buds
I cleared rocks out of the garden path
Leveled, pertelized & put peat on the Columbine Bed
Transplanted 5-6 Tomato Plants
Collected & set out
about 100 Jap Barberry
6-or 8 Multiflora rosy
4 Azalea mudiflorum
Hey Peggy's Buddlea & Black Raspberries

3 Cowbirds out at feeding place this
morning also 3 Squirrels. Fox sparrows
have mostly left.

April 2, 1957
Came home early last night feeling punk.
Gail & her family came & I was going to have
the kids help plant Onion sets. However it
rained
Today I didn't feel like doing much to
anything. I sat around but I dooes
pulled a few weeds, dug holes for the
Fortune hybrids that I've ordered. Dug
up this small area for Miranda
& dug holes for 2 Rhododendrons.
Clara & I picked a mess of dandelion

April 2, 1957 cont'd
greens which we had for dinner. They were the best we have ever had.

We also emptied the ashes out of the fire place put & carried them down onto the terrace.

Went to Coalton to get a package & but a dozen cabbage plants & put them out Peggy's dog dropper got into the cold frame which I had left open to air out & smashed up all the manure pots with lead lettuce & cabbage plants in them. I could have killed her. I must them & hope some time next Saturday when I'll put them out.

First year planting

I planted
3 Creeping Thyme
3 Limonium Latifolium (Sea Lavender)
3 Armeria
2 Campanula Carpatica
1 Yucca as
all on lower slope.

April 4, 1957
Slept at home today feeling sort of peab had a bad night last night & had a hard time getting going. Did a few odd jobs.

Laid out a new trench for Carl Barks today Dug & put down in bottom Nursery bed
20 Forsythia suspensa
moved about 20 little Barberry seedlings out in front & place
moved 2 plants of Anemone syleostus (must dig in autumn) in back of the upper bed along side the Jap Anemones.
Planted in pots 24 Tuberous rooted Begonias

April 4, 1957
including share for Peggy -
Planted quite a lot of seeds in pots
grew Iris germanii
" tenax.
grew Galega officinalis
Anemone dolpina sulphurea
Erythronium tuolumnense
" revolutum johnsoni
and several others all dated April 4
Put out ten monbretias below the Cosmos
First Blossoms
Trailing arbutus
First Towhee
April 6, 1957
Spent the most of the day out of doors.
Steve was here over night & helped me
a lot on various things
we planted patches of both the red & pink
Armeria on small beds that I had prepared
for them. Took runners off the purple plants
I already had.
Put out a string of seedling Japanese
Barberis on the road above the ditch
Many dead or dying

Moved enough Deutzia gracilis to replace
the old mulleins were plants on the turning
circle.
Dug holes for the Rhododendrons coming
from Breck's & from Esch Nursery
and put peat in them. (20 holes)
& put some dirt down for an
aquilegia bed among the rocks.
Transplanted about 25 plants into pots
of Indigofera gerardiana & put
them back into the cold frame

April 6, 1957 (cont)
Did some weeding; fixed the place for the Hepaticas that I want to get. Also fixed bed for the tuberous rooted begonias when I get ready to put them out.

2 planted
Berberis triacanthoptera in bed by creek from trunk (must dig out)
2 Cytisus burkwoodi at end of drive (1 never showed)
2 Cyrilla racemiflora along septic field (1 died)

S White Legion send nice plants of Apache plume Fallugia paradoxa which I will plant on the lower slope tomorrow. (I think must died out)

Anemone Pulsatilla out for first time
Anemonella thalictroides this year
Prunus pissardi
Blood root coming thru the ground
Primrose's much better than ever before
Eremurus all thru the ground
Shortia galacifolia best ever seen
We have a lot of stuff in bloom
all hyacinths except the yellows out
great variety of Narcissus out
narcissus Sunshine very lovely
many species tulips budded - don't know which ones will open first.

April 7, 1957
I put out the Apache Plume on the lower slope & two Cyrilla racemiflora below the septic field.

The cabbage & head lettuce plants that I dropped got into overhead hopeless out & put the best looking ones out in the garden & I hope that some of them survive.

April 7, 1957 (cont)
I put three loads of dirt down for an aquilegia bed along the upper trail. Cut a dead oak + a couple small trees along the upper garden trail + trimmed a few Lilly's by clipping to try to thicken them up.

It was a beautiful day and when Dio, Gail + June + families all arrived they all had spring fever + didn't want to do anything.

Dave put the telescope sight on his rifle + after a lot of monkey business we got it zeroed up altho it was still shooting a little low when we ran out of shells.

Red Emperor tulips opened in a few Magnolia soulangiana opened some blossoms. others blasted by the frost

I also put braces on the posts they are set to support the grape vines. Now I'll have to get wire + tie them up.

April 8, 1957
When I got home at 5:00 P.M. Clara had two nursery shipments for me
1 a large box from Waynesboro Nurseries
Contained 1 balled + burlapped
Chaenomeles pumpers fruitlandi. It was dry so I set it in a pail + all in a tub of water
also a shipment of stuff from Greer Gardens at Madison Also I had ordered stuff for growing on but this was the smallest stuff Dio ever received. I planted it in a nursery bed beside the cold frame. It was muddy + rainy + I'll have to rearrange the garden when it is dryer

April 8, 1957 cont

10 Azalea vaseyii
10 Azalea mollis (half died)
10 " Calendulacea
2 " albrechti (1 died)
2 Sophora japonica (1 died)
2 Daphne mezereum both died
2 " " alba both "

I have to plant yet the following
1 Hammalis vernalis 7-10 in.
2 " virginiana 7-10 "
Ill put these in permanent places along the upper garden trail & stake them.
also must plant the one Elaeagnus in morning.

April 9, 1957

A strong wind came up during the night & tore many small branches & dead limbs down around the house. I didn't get down on the bottom but one limb broke one of the 20×32 glass panes out of the cold frame. I put a sack over it to keep the wind out, measured it and asked Clara to get glass, putty etc to fix it. Also got hardware cloth to put over the frame to keep the smaller branches from breaking it again
Put out the rooted hazels & Elaeagnus before going to the office & fixed the cold frame after I got home this evening.

April 10, 1957

Winter Wren on the creek bottom

Erythronium } all out for the
Blue Violets } first time
Blue eyed grass }
Poeterus Narcissus out

Peonies coming up fast & the red Baptista australis plants have started. No sign of the seedlings yet

See Second Page beyond

April 11, 1957

I stayed home and worked outside all morning. It frosted going down to 28° last night & completely cooked the magnolias they were already in bad shape from previous frosts & wind.

I did a lot of small chores.

Transplanted a dwarf cherry up to the place I planed to put it so that Clara could watch it from the window

also gathered up snow seedlings of Jap Barberry & Multiflora rose & put them in the bed go.

Trimmed the Camptotheca (& all dwarf) " " pyracantha. It was top killed clear to the ground & Cytisus purpureus & Tamarisk suffered the same fate. Dont know whether the last two will come from the roots or not. The pyracantha has already started.

Finished the aquilegia bed.

Put peat in new French Creek Border finished this morning. He also dug up a bed along the garden trail & started on another one up by the garden.

Syntheris reniformis
Tulipa fraileder
Jap Cherry
} out this morning

Palm Warbler flycatching at the big trail when I went out to plant some Rhododendrons

I had gone in the house to work when Clara got the 12 hybrid seedling rhododendrons from Breeds. So I went to go out and plant them

April 11, 1957 (cont)
They were fine young plants except that ~~there needed~~ was one turned out & ate plant bound & very dry. I soaked it up thoroughly & it may live.

This was just enough to much to make me very tired. I came in & laid down for a while & then came to the desk to work.

April 13, 1957
Steven & I went to Arcadale & bot 20 Azaleas and 4 Camellias. We planted the Camellias & Chief the azaleas & Lester Bagley & his wife came!

After they left I planted some things Earl Wallace sent.
3. Spider Lily
4 Sisyrinchium plants
3 Violets bees with flowers carried well above the foliage
1 Anthericum spicatum
All on the lower slope

Steven shot 9 male Cowbirds this morning x
I saw two more Palm warblers this morning
Prunus pissardi well in flower
Jap cherry few blossoms
Epimedium yellow flower out
Fuchsia Speciosa
" Rockery Beauty
Tritelia
all had just flowered out.
Fannie swept cobwebs afternoon & made my second trip over the place. Put hot caps on the new azaleas. as many frost predicted

// this ruled effeling two pages back
April 10, 1957

I planted turnip seed, put cottonseed meal on all the garden that had been planted + hoed it in.

Radish, lettuce + peas coming from the ground.

Finished putting dirt in the pocket where I want to plant aquilegias mixed potted aquilegias all down to the cold frame: and ready now to transplant marigolds, asters + to put seeds of squash muskmelons etc into pots.

Just as I was writing these notes Clara came in with the small Barrington Green House order. They are all green leaves + put green so I put them all into pots and will keep them for about ten days before putting them out.

1 Passiflora incarnata in cold frame
1 Camellia Japonica
2 Fuchsia magellanica
2 Phygelius Capensis
} all in house

OK
N 9

Got in wood + then took a look around the place all looks good + Buddleia alternifolia is starting to grow.

April 14, 1957.

I did a lot of small chores today.

Dug up the place beyond the bird feeding tree to put Narcissus in in fall.

Planted 3 Hubs yews up in wd picnic ground. AK Sept 7-57 - Still OK Nov 1-57

Planted 2 Daphne mezerum + 2 Daphne mezerum album near house. (Mostly died despite watering)

Transplanted one pot of Marigolds to individual pots.

Planted Crumbs seeds in a pot.

Dave + I cut down a dead iron wood + strung the wire for the grape vines.

Tracy Stover + wife + Earnest Walker + wife came and I took them on the ground tour.

Bobs mother died this morning + Clara is with their kids tonight.

April 15, 1957

Worked outside until 8:30 waiting for Cook Brooks to show but he didn't come.

It frosted last night + it was cold + raw this morning with a brisk wind.

I put peat on all the new beds and hoed them by one for the aquilegias. Also pulled some weeds. Picked up Stephen + had dinner with Clara + the kids. I didn't get home until 11:00 PM + Two tried to work at the desk

April 16, 1957

Frost again last night but about 7:00 am a southern breeze brot a change in temperature + it is warming up fast.

I watered everything in the old frame + hot beds + Put the marigolds transplanted Sunday into the hot beds.

I put out the other 10 azaleas

April 16, 1957
Took the hot caps off those planted the other day. Wherever the leaves touched the paper they are frosted badly.
Weather prediction: Cloudy, warm & rain by night.
I moved Monarda Cowpeas pinks up along the road.
Two Skimmias into more shade up along the garden path.

~~April 17, 1957~~
I moved a few plants before I went to the office at Iris House for dinner with Clara + the kids

April 18, 1957
I stayed at home today + again did a few small chores
Hoed peas + onions
Put peat + sawdust on garden trails as far as it would go
Set out 2 Campanula pusilla alba } all died
1 " " } both died
1 Amphiodes verna } both living
1 " Caffrabaea } died
1 Gentiana acaulis } died
1 " acaulis } died
all three Stachys plants from the cold frame on the slope

Transplanted about 60 marigolds
Planted in pots & put in the hot bed seeds of watermelon, muskmelon, cucumber, Zucchini & Butternut squash
OK, 1 Planted 1 Buddleia Hever Castle from Wayside Gardens down the slope
Took 2 Hosta Crabs & 1 Buddleia over to Jack & helped plant them
Took Ben Jr & my vegetables
Stayed for dinner

April 17 Palma Wanters came about three
migitte " singing
goldfinch in big flocks.

April 18, 1957
I got home about 4:30 PM & got a batch of
dirt & peat sifted for making potting
mixture. I intended to put out some plants
but felt so punk that I went in & laid
down on the bed. Clara came about 5:30 &
brot all of Iris kids with her.

April 19, 1957
I stayed here & Steve helped me dig the
chrysanthemums for division. Bruce & Jerry
washed about 12 sm pots for me.
I got a lot of chores done
Set out
Aquilegia coerulea below fence
" Crimson Star in new bed below
drive
" Mrs. Scott Elliott along drive
Reset Chrysanthemums in bed below
fence.
Put out two azaleas Fred & Mary bot us
above kitchen.
Potted about 45 Chrysanthemums for
grace Gail
Planted seeds about 10 pots.
Transplanted 10 Pyrus floribunda from
seeds I brot from Cora & Guy's place.
Hoed Geo's. garden.
Weeded some on fences
my feet hurt & I go quite sick in
addition to all the above I took care
of Christie for about an hour.

Lots of Migrant Warblers
White throated Sparrows.
Waxwings four nuts came bunged at

April 20, 1957
Clear & hot must have been 80° on the slope about 3 pm.
Jeff & I fixed his garden & planted Aquilegia canadensis seed.
I set out
3 Berberis triacanthophera up by garden
6 Mahonia aquifolium " " "
1 Camellia Bright red. died
Sleive Bawn & I dug two flats of Primrose for Gold & Woody
Put out a few miscellaneous plants died
including 3 Hypericum Hidcote
up along the road.
Waysides order came
4. Chrysanthemums put in front of Lawn
1 Dicentra Bountiful
died - 1 Campanula Alba Wedgewood } above Lawn
1 Agapanthus mooreanus } on terraces
1 Hibiscus Satan }
Went to store & got some more
granulated sphagnum

Phlox subulata just flowers to make a good show have been a few weeks
Bleeding Heart
Lady Tulips
Viola pedata Bicolor

April 21, 1957
Hot. The thermometer got up to 90° by 10 am & stayed that way until 6 pm
I put out 4 Fuchias, 2 Physalis alkekengi
2 Pyracanthas, 1 Cytisus scoparius Pearlers

Planted beets, lettuce & radish seeds in Dorny & Mairkins garden

April 21, 1957 (Cont)

Steve & I did 16 pots of seeds. The last I have that need to go in pots.

I took the four kids over to the Hoff game farm and Christie fell in the "hole". She got real wet but I put her straight home & she didn't seem to suffer any ill effects.

The heat has been terrible on the narcissus today & on other things as well.

Saw following new birds.

1 Brown Thrasher on the way to the game farm
2 Kingbird
3 Yellow Rumped Warbler
4 White eyed "
5 Towhee
6 Field Sparrow
Lots of Myrtle Warblers also (Red Winged Blackbirds) lots of other ones
7 Blue grey Gnatcatcher
8 Parula Warbler.

April 22, 1957

Redstart
Md Yellowthroat } this morning
Tanager
Redwing
Azalea Pompom

I went to the Hoffs & came home about 5 PM bringing Bruce & Steve and also Peggy but didn't do much outside except pull a few weeds & throw some clay targets for the boys. Bruce hit four the first time he threw alone. Steve has a good form & hit about half or more of the ones he threw.

Dave & Hazel came here for dinner. They are leaving Friday for Oregon

April 23, 1957

I stayed home today. I planted the gladiolus bulbs that I turned & potted them in among the newly set clay sandstones. Put sleep manure on them and on all the Hepaticas which haven't bloomed at all well this year.

I put wet peat around the four Rhododendrons & planned to carry some water to them. & got too tired & decided to get out demo.

Put out
about 25 Azalea occidentalis
10 Rhododendron macrophyllum
25 " Smirnow
all these are seedlings & that I raised.

Put 4 Sun roses along drive
Planted seeds that I had yet to put in the seed bed near the cold frame
nearly all perennials
Melons. Cukes etc that I put in pots are all up.

Just as I was ready to quit came but a box from Carroll Gardens
I planted down the slope
3 Pentstemon Firebird } (all red)
4 " Garnet
Have to Camellia Sasanqua of all kinds
1 Daphne Burkwoodii which I will plant this evening when it gets cooler.

Redstarts
Red Yellowthroats } all singing persistently
Redbuds
Parula Warbler

demo Mon evening we were away when got back

April 24, 1957

I got up at six and moved a few Menanda plants. also forked over the compost pile.

Pulled the first mess of green onions and a couple ℔ spears of asparagus.

Clara + D sat on the balcony about half an hour watching the birds

a bigat male Summer perked at the flowers below us and at intervals sat on a limb + preened his feathers.

Two female + 2 male cowbirds were hanging about - the two females staying close together + the two males following at a distance. The hens constantly wiped their bills on the tree branches as they hopped about. They didn't seem to be catching anything and I couldn't figure out the purpose

The chickadees in the box beside the porch seemed to resent no hens there but not to the extent of letting it interfere with household duties.

a pair of blue gray gnatchers hung about over the wood pile all the time we were there.

Phoebes are about the old nest over the garage doors.

Parula Warblers several about by trees around the house.

April 25, 1957

Wood Flycatch Here today for the first time this year
Indigo Bunting

I got up early + planted 1 agulea above the kitchen

Also picked a little asparagus + clipped faded flowers etc
Put my donkey to work on lawn mole

April 25, 1957 (cnt)
when I returned at 4:00 Pm I found
a package from Hallaur & planted
died 1 Anemone hupehensis above butch — 100
died 1 Polemonium Blue Pearl " " — any
died 1 Campanula garganica " "
3 Geranium Lanuginosum in Hesriace
(died) 1 Geum mrgela Gift plant " "
5 Leursia rediviva on slope below Cherry
Clara & I celebrated tonight. I made
the last payment on the house mortgage
today & we don't owe a cent on the
world except current bills.

April 28, 1957
Clara stayed over to Iris place last night
as Iris was miserable with her back. She
came home & stayed with me
We went for a bird Cruise over our two places
& part of John & Harveys lot. saw following
1. Whippoorwill
2. Mourning Dove 2
3 Bob White 2 or 3
4 Downy Woodpecker
5 Hairy "
6 Red Headed "
7. Yellow Bellied Sapsucker
8. Flicker
9. Black billed Cuckoo 2
10. Ruby throated Hummer 1
11. Carolina Chickadee 2
12 Tufted Titmouse
13 White Breasted Nuthatch
14 Carolina Wren
15 Catbird
16 Brown Thrasher
17. Ruby cr. Kinglet

April 28, 1957 cont

-18 Blue Gray Gnatcatcher 2 building nest near here
-19 Phoebe 2
-20. Robin
-21 Bluebird
-22 Wood Thrush few
-23. Scarlet Tanager 2
-24. Cowbird 2
-25 Starling
-26 Bronzed Grackle
-27. Red eyed Vireo
-28 White " "
-29 Yellow throated "
-30. Myrtle Warbler
-31 Md Yellowthroat
-32 Parula Warbler
-33. Redstart
-34 Hooded Warblers
-35 Kentucky "
-36. Ovenbird
-37. Crow
-38 Turkey Vulture
-39 Red shouldered Hawk
-40 Indigo Bunting 2
-41 goldfinch
-43. Cardinal
-44 Towhee
-45 White throated Sparrow. Those at the feeding stations have largely left but there were numbers on the food plane 1 day Rain
after our talks we planted
Wax beans
Green beans
Kohl rabi
Beet & Radish seeds.
after that 2 put out all 1 day again

April 28, 1957
cuttings.
Solid that the Pyrethrum seed planted a few days ago is coming thru the ground
Following in Room
Phlox divaricata
Mertensia virginica
azalea nudiflora (yesterday)
Armathogalum nutans
Narcissus all gone due to hot weather
We had a little thunderstorm and about .2 inches of rain. (Not enough to do any good.
The ground is dry on the surface but still has good moisture down an inch or 2 or 3

April 29, 1957
I did a little puttering around the morning & then went to town via Iris place to get clear to sign the state income tax report.
got the cancelled checks for the month of Jan & we now completely own the place.
But Hayes Lloyd Dutrow out to the Lewis & Peggy came later & took my car & Stan Smart. Hayes & I looked the place over & he saw quite a list of birds including one new to me
Acadian Flycatcher
Smart, Hayes & I did the job on the C & L Scholarship
April 30, 1957
Peggy took my car & took Stan Smart to the airport. I went for a bird hike with Hayes Lloyd before breakfast. They left about 9 30
I hoed the bottom garden, but pour I the Habenaria ciliaris bulbs up later. Planted two Cypripedium parviflorum that Peggy got

April 30, 1967

mo, potted up two Sequoia (died) + 2 Jap Umbrella Pine seedlings and put a number of slips in pots for Gail, Creatures, Cytisus Sempervivums & Sedums. Transplanted a flat full of Aster seedlings & put out three Tree Peonies in pots.

Saw following birds

1. Red shouldered Hawk
2. Bob White
3. Mourning Dove
4. Turkey Buzzard
5. Downy Woodpecker
6. Hairy "
7. Red bellied "
8. Flicker
9. Kingbird
10. Acadian Fly catcher
11. Carolina Chickadee
12. White breasted Nuthatch
13. Tufted Titmouse
14. Blue gray gnatcatcher
15. Robin
17. Bluebird
18. Wood thrush.
19. Phoebe
20. Meadowlark
21. Cowbird
22. Baltimore Oriole
23. Red eyed Vireo
24. White " "
25. Yellow throated Vireo
26. Myrtle Warbler
27. Pine " "
28. Md yellowthroat
29. Parula Warbler
30. Yellow breasted Chat
31. Redstart
32. Cardinal
33. Towhee
34. Indigo Bunting
35. Goldfinch

Dodecatheon in bloom
Mayapple all out
Jack in the Pulpit
Leucothoe in bloom
a few Pulmonaria
Iris cristata
" verna

april 30, 1957 cont'd)
I felt lousy + slept from 12:00 to 3:00
didn't feel much better when I wakened
but walked up to get the mail.
The seven chrysanthemums from Jochen
+ Perkins came + I planted them in front
of the house
chrysanthemum Cockaloo
" Robin
" Orchard Apricot
" Kingfisher
" Baltimore Oriole
" Talisman (2 in bad shape) died
" (Free) Fire flame
I also hoed the balance of the bed in front
of the house.
& Worked & put peat along south side of the
drive.
Clara but Lois + the kids out to see
the comet. Gail + Woody also out.
May 3, 1957
I left at 7:00 am to go to the breakfast for
Truman + got back at 11:00 am.
I watered cold frame + hotbed plants
& worked putting ground corn cobs + sawdust
on the garden x covered peas; onions & lettuce
& Turnips.
Cut asparagus & pulled green onions &
radishes for supper. Lois much better &
Clara but steam all out for dinner.
about 2:00 I went up & got the mail
& found the box from Sound Nurseries in
Spokane. It had 5 clumps of Rayonnante
Chrysanthemums in it.
Pulled some weeds. Very tired tonight

May 4, 1957

I decided not to go to the Shad bake & it was a good thing I did as two big orders of stuff came in about noon.

I lined the Oregon evergreen blackberries & put the balance of plants down in the row. There were only a few missing.

Gail came after her Chrysanthemums & I gave her radishes, green onions & poke.

I put out the Perkins Plant order

all lived 12 Leucothoe
all died 12 Rhododendron Carolinianum
(the Pieris didn't come) so I put the Rhodos in the place I had ready for it. Call R. carolinianum died
all lived 6 Azalea Cosaga in old peach ground

Also planted the Claude A Barr order

lived 3 Yucca Gloriosa
lived 1 Liatris liguistifes } in slope
lived 1 Salvia
lived to get to 4 Amorpha canescens
3 in slope by road & 1 in old peach ground
3 Anemone Patens up by road.

May 5, 1957

Clara & I got home from Harpers Ferry about 11:30. June & Dave Lee. Fred Packard & wife & Sue Olsen & Joe Penfold stopped a while & I gave Jean Packard a bunch of Poke. Afterwards Ben Strayer came for his wife's car & visited a while.

Dave, Steve Bruce & I build a target butt for them. I did some watering, cutting poke pulling weeds etc. Iris & lily beds ready for divide as well as June & Dave

May 6, 1957
I water the hot beds + put peat on the plants I set out on Saturday. & then went to town.
I stayed at Jims for dinner + got home in time to close the cold frames + hot bed. Spring Hill nursery order came tonight will plant them in the morning. Clara home for the night for the first time in a week

May 7, 1957
I got up at six + fed the chickens. Planted the Spring Hill Nursery Order The stuff was all excellent shape except one magnolia whose roots were a little legal I planted 10 new Chrysanthemums in front of the house

4 University of Nebraska mums
White White Cloud — I didn't label them
Yellow Pathfinder — but showed be able to
(Red) Keokia — identify them
Orange North Platte
6 Spoon Mums:
Snow Spoon
Pink Spinner
Ruby Spoon
Lavender Spoon
Gold Spoon
Pumpkin "
3 Berberis thunbergia atropurpurea up by garden hall (Moved in October)
2 Magnolia ~~glauca~~ soulangeana — Both died
one by drive + 1 up by garden hall
Nearly froze my fingers doing it as the thermometer was down to 36°

May 7, 1957 (Cont)

After breakfast I rigged up the hose & watered my Rhododendrons & newly planted stuff up toward the garden. It took until lunch time.

After lunch I watered the nursery beds by the cold frame & the aquilegias in the woods. I put out the melons, cucumber & squash plants I had with pots & put glot caps over them.

Cora & Clares mother arrived just before I finished & I did no more work but did walk over the place with Cora.

For dinner tonight we had out of the garden

Asparagus
Radishes
Onions
Rhubarb
Pokeweed greens. Jeanette & Mother liked them

House Wrens singing in the yard this morning

May 11, 1957

My plane was delayed & I didn't get back from the Lammi meeting in Chicago until 3 oc am. Clara met me

The shipment from Ten Acres Nursery was fine & the plants were in fine shape I put out 12 named Glen Dale Hybrids on the east end of the septic field.

1 Vestal (White)
2 Coquette (Pink)
3 Burgundy (brownish red)
4 Daysspring (white shading pink)
5 Glacier (White)
6 Treasure White
7 Vintage (Pale Purple)
8 Beacon Scarlet
9 Cavalier (Orange Red)
10 Arcadia (rose pink)
11 Antares (Nopal Red)
12 ~~Angela Pleas~~ Angela Place (or ~~Angela Pleas~~) White

May 11, 1957 (cont)
Fred Packard & his wife & mother came just as I finished & I had to show them around the place and also help Fred dig a bunch of Poke plants for them to take home.
I put out 30 Tomato plants & that finished for the season.
Planted String beans, Dwarf Limas, & Pole Beans. Replanted some beets, parsnips & celeriac and put out 1 hill of watermelon & 1 hill of Butternut Squash to replace those that didn't live when I set out the plants from the cold bed.
Hoed most of the garden & got it ready for mulching with sawdust.
Hot & muggy - bugs bad & Jim hired as help tonight.
Pulled a lot of radishes & onions
Great Crested Fly catcher
Red Poll
Nest Eggs
May 12, 1957
Put sawdust on all of the garden that was ready to put. What a dirty job & the gnats were terrible.
Didn't do anything except work with the birds and walk around a bit
My Granny came & said he would start on the Upper Tuesday.
I saw Campbell & he will get Cash Boots wood out & bring me some more sawdust.
May 14, 1957
I stayed home today & put out all the Tuberous rooted Begonias & planted the balance of the glads, a few Cannas Peggy gave me

May 14, 1957 (cont)
and my tigridia bulbs. I did some watering which was wasted as we got a good rain after dark. I was over at Iris's & started home in a drizzle. It turned to a terrific downpour by the time I got to Merrifield. I pulled off in a parking lot & waited about 20 minutes. While I sat there it hailed some & rained hard all the way home.

Clara took her mother & Bob to the 1:00 Pm train. She came back & brot me a bunch of cabbage & ~~tomatoes~~ plants which I put in pots.

Night Rain here this am.

Hot & sticky all day.

several named Iris out

Oriental Poppys out

Early Red Peony out

May 15, 1957

In town all day

May 16, 1957

Stayed at home in am. set out cabbage & pepper plants & hoed ~~in the garden &~~ around the poke plants & pulled small trees & vines out

Walked around the place with Clara who came home for a while.

Tom Carr over for new tires & went into town & got Wm J. Mackey a cousin of Clara's & brot him out here. Tom took him to the Rolling Road for dinner & then over to Iris place & back to town where I picked up Bob.

May 17, 1957

The 100 Coronilla crowns came yesterday & I put them out on the steepest part of the bank above the drive. It was a struggle for standing on the steep bank to plant them & my legs ached long before I

May 17, 1957 cont

before I finished. I came in the house & rebuild a while & then dug the "Thalia" narcissus. Some of the clumps had 25 bulbs in them. I put a big bed of them behind the bird feeding station; a clump around an old pine stump in front of the house; a lot in beds of the new aquilegia bed between the drive; a big drift in among the camellias in the front of the lot; and a lot of them along the drive. I still have a lot of them to plant but I think I'll give them to Peggy & Gail. I put in a few marigold plants & sent marigolds, petunias, and an assortment of rock plants to Gail.

It was nice to work outside & I hated to quit but my legs went back on me.

I sat on the balcony for a while between 5 & 6 PM & saw a lot of birds

1. Downy Woodpecker
2. Phoebe
3. Blue gray Gnatcatcher
4. Ruby throated Hummer
5. Chickadee
6. Tufted Tit
7. White breasted Nuthatch
8. Robin
9. Bluebird
10. Wood thrush
11. Gray Cheeked Thrush 1 final seen
12. Red eyed Vireo
13. Hooded Warbler
14. Oven bird
15. Canada Warbler final seen
16. Redstart
17. Scarlet Tanager
18. Cardinal
19. Indigo Bunting

May 18, 1957

Slept late as we were late getting home from Iris place last night.

I planted about 1/3 of the flat of zelinias in front of the house; filled the gaps in the marigolds; went down and dug enough Bloodroot & Hepaticas to fill the circle at the top of the stone wall that leads house terrace and took Peggy some Thalia Narcissus & white violets.

Came home & mixed potting mixture and potted

Cytisus andreanus
" kewfield
" alba
" atheneais
Parochaetus communis
Galega officinalis
Passiflora incarnata
Notospartium carmichaelae — 8 foot Hardy Legume Shrub
Eleiwltzia Staintoni

I trimmed some sprouts & pulled some weeds but about 3:00 PM the bugs got so bad they drove me in. It was hot & sticky & looked like a thunderstorm

Before I came in I mixed another batch of potting mixture as there will be more slips to pot next week.

May 19, 1957

I picked asparagus & Strawberries & Clara pulled onions. I also cut the poke. We took the poke & onions to Gail & the other stuff To Iris.

I also hoed everything in the garden that didn't have sawdust mulch on it & went down and dug out the clutch when it was hoeked until it was flooding my oregon evergreen

May 19, 1957 (cont)
Blackberries.
After lunch Clara + I got ready + went to Iris place + left the stuff + then went to Glen Youngs to see his roses.
We came back to Iris place + stayed until 10 30. Iris not so well today.
Gave Gail some Narcissus "Thalia" + also some white violets.
Drizzled much of the afternoon + at rained hard all night.

May 20, 1957
Bob started for the National Institutes of Health at Bethesda with Iris about 10 00 am. When he got there there was no arrangements for her. They took some X rays after a long delay + then told Bob they were not working on such inpatients. After much telephoning + running around he finally got her into Garfield about 3 30. She was very dead by then + Bob was in not better shape

May 21, 1957
I stayed at home for a while waiting for the man to show up to build the pond. He didnt come + at 10 00 I left to go see Iris. She looked bad but said she felt some better than last night she couldnt eat but was having fed intravenously while I was there. She was restless + uneasy from lying in one position so long
I came home + did some weeding + sprout clipping but didnt have the heart to do anything.

May 22, 1957
Went to see Iris at 11 00. She looked + acted better than yesterday. went to the office about 1 30 PM but couldnt work or do much.

May 22, 1957

The man was here with a bulldozer starting the drain and when I returned this evening he had most of it done & was working taking the top soil off from the pond site.

Its an awful looking hole.

May 23, 1957

Stayed home until time. Talked with the man about pond. Sprayed all the beans & melons. Hoed the beans not yet mulched & used the last bit of sawdust mulching them

Planted in pots seeds of

1 Madrone - Arbutus menziesii

new 2. Oregon Myrtle Umbellaria californica

3. Calochortus coeruleus

4. " uniflorus

5 " albus

new 6. Dodecatheon clevelandi

7. Arctostaphylos manzanita

Pulled some weeds.

Picked a big mess of strawberries & a pair one of asparagus

Iris definitely better. able to eat & keep it down.

May 24, 1957

Stayed home part of the day & then went to the hospital to see Iris & then to see the doctor with B.A. They held out some hope that Iris could go home within a few days & be reasonably comfortable after an undetermined time.

May 25, 1957

I worked in the garden all morning hoeing & then putting sawdust on all that which had not yet been mulched. It got hot before I finished about one P.M. Went to the rock garden meeting afternoon.

May 25, 1957 (Cont)
Picked a big mess of strawberries + a good bunch of asparagus

May 26, 1957.
The Rock garden society came and didn't leave until 10:30 PM. Clara served them Dee Tee + Coffee.
I sprayed all the beans again + put some sawdust on the trails.
Pulled a few weeds + cut a big mess of poke. Gail + her family, Bill + the boys + Jane came and had dinner with us.
Hilare + Mrs Wickens came in about 9:00 PM. They had just heard about Iris
Edna + Bob went to see Iris, Jane with all the kids except Christy & Cookie swimming pool. + then both Guild kids home. Rob + the boys left about 9:30 PM.
A big lima just on a show for Mrs Wickens.
Silene Maritagon alba opened its first flower today.
Silene Schafftonia yesterday.

May 30, 1957
I stayed at home today
Steve was with us last night and Bill next came this morning
Steve + I picked asparagus, strawberries a mess of turnip greens + a small mess of Mundo peas.
Then I put out aster plants + a couple of pepper plants
Balanced the mowing Steve, Jr. + I on the floor of the tent + put up a little of the wide of mesh at top

May 30, 1957

Increasing at up here 1½ feet.

The men put the overflow pipe in this morning but ran into trouble in the afternoon in trying to put in the feed pipe to bring in the water. I soon myself nagged running up & down the bank for them & didn't get much done in the afternoon

May 31, 1957

After failure to get a drag line and a conference with young we decided to try to mix enough dry dust with the slop at the upper end of the pond to stiffen it up enough so that it could be pushed back. It worked fairly well & we got a dike of dry dust below it and then pushed it back further. There is now a dike 50 feet wide they which should hold. I spent much of the day watching to see how it went. They also put the feed pipe thru the dike and got it exactly in the right place except a few inches higher than I wanted it they will put an instrument on it to see that it is right.

Between times

I planted 7 pepper plants
Thinned the first bean planting
Transplanted
1 dozen Asters for Gail
About 35 Saponaria occymoides & Torenia
" 25 Silene peterssoni
" 15 Arenis
" 5 Cynoglossum pumpenascens

also pulled some weeds.

I was tired as hell from running up & down the hill but feel better about the pond.

May 31, 1957
Paid Young 2.50
Went to Lions dinner with B/T & Clara
Dris is to come home Sunday if all goes
well
June 1, 1957
Jean arrived at 5.30 this morning & we
saw her briefly before we took off for Newcastle
Penn.
June 2, 1957
Arrived home from Newcastle at about
4 or PM. all the tribe here except Jean, Bob &
Geoffery who were getting Dris. We saw her
later. She was very tired when she got home but
slept for an hour and a half & felt better when
we saw her with the enemy
June 4, 1957
Clara & I walked over the place pulling a few
weeds here & there, looking at the flowers & picking
a boquet. We picked Coreopsis, Sweet Peas,
Anthemis, & Dianthus.
Also got onions, radishes & lettuce from the garden
I thinned one bunch of beets & all the remaining
beans & sprayed them again. a few Mexican
bean beetles showing up but most of the
trouble is from flea beetles & grasshoppers
I also transplanted
100 + Arctostaphylos uva-ursi + mulberry leaf
100 + Pentstemon barbatus
70 " gentry
70 Viola calcarata
40 + Anemone caucasica
and potted about a dozen assorted plants
for Gail.
The upland shrub of which there have been
many seedlings finally bloomed today

June 4 - & Bob Wents at the
feeding station

June 4, 1957 (cont)
for the first time when I have been home. The leaves resemble Nannyberry but have puzzled me. It proves to be Viburnum dentatum a new identification for the place.

June 6, 1957

The 1.4 inch rain that fell yesterday certainly freshened things up. The rain started before midnight & lasted until about 6 P.M falling more or less steadily. Foliage was wet all morning - occasional little showers keeping it so. It was too wet to do any garden work so I cut asparagus, pulled some weeds, and pulled seedlings & cut sprouts out of the azalea planting up by the red picnic ground.

It was wet work but things looked better when I finished.

The rain filled the pond up almost to the over flow pipe altho the upright is not on it Run off water from the hill filled the old channel high enough to cause a nice stream to run thru the feed pipe altho it was not any where near full.

It looks bigger already.

Lilium testaceum
Jap Iris a blue one
Lilium Japonicum
Hardy Gold Peach Blossom
} opened today

a Red eyed Vireo on the feed tray when Clara came back from Iris place. We had lunch & then I took a bath.

Bugs bad & hot & wet outside so I am working at the desk this afternoon

June 8, 1957

The boys all came home with us Friday night. So did Christie & Jean. Bob & Iris had some peace & quiet after her first trip to the Doctor. She was tired but otherwise allright.

The boys & I worked all day at the tent despite a drizzly rain. We made two trips to Oakdale the first to get paint & nails & hardware for the screen door & the second to get more nails & four creosoted posts for the tent anchor posts.

June 9, 1957

I transplanted a few plants before the boys were up. That included a dozen of the marbles flowers.

3 Cyclamen ~~ondreanum~~ out in front

2 Passiflora incarnata on the South garden fence

10 Parochetus communis - two behind the kitchen, 2 in special places in the lower terraces in quite full sun & 6 in part shade at a small bed on the lower terrace.

Marbles dead 1957

Potted lettuce & asparagus

Jim ~~Clare~~ didn't stay last night but Jeff & Bruce helped me finish the screening out the tent frame & we had three of the 4 holes for the anchor posts dug & the forms ready when Bodee & Steve came. They helped with the other hole & Bob drove the posts down further. We tamped them in good with rocks.

Bruce had cut one pole for one side & Steve cut another two & trimmed it up for the second pole. Bob helped place them & Then Bob, Clare & Woody helped put the tent up. The frame was triple too

June 9, 1957 cont'd
big and the tent will not set down over it properly. However by putting another board all the way around we can make it do.
I walked over the place with Jean & by dinner time I was well worn down & didn't do anything further except visit with the girls & kids.

June 11, 1957
at home.
I finished fixing the tent except for hanging the door. Clara helped with the slat boards
Sprayed the beans
Put sawdust on balance of the beans &
on some Monarda & Lobelia Cladrolfga Staunton
all died out Planted out along the wall all the Cladrolfga Staunton.
Planted first purple bull peas along the west fence of the garden.
Picked peas & pulled a mess of turnips for our dinner tonight.
Clara brot me 50 lily of the valley plants which I put out to replace those the mice ate up this spring
Looked the garden over with Clara & pulled some weeds.
Worked at the desk in the evening.

June 14, 1957
I finished the tent by hanging the door & putting in the shelves.
Mowed weeds around bottomland garden & road & weeded it.
Set out
Lived -Arabus varius back of kitchen
Lived Galega officinalis above steps
Lived Cytisus purpureus by drive
finally died

June 14, 1957 cnt

Genista aethnensis along drive

About lunch time the Wilson truck Lines brot my shipment of Rhododendrons from the Esch Nursery in Portland. They were a sorry looking mess. The crate had been broken open & the plants jostled around until 3 of them had no wrappings nor labels. One had lost all leaves, several had only one or two & several others had new shoots that were white & others were broken off.

I soaked them good & planted them all but 2 & be surprised if any of them live.

1 Azor. Soft Salmon - Fair condition, new shoots
1 Lord Roberts dark red with black spots broken
2 Alice Bedford - lavender - dark eye
face shape but new shoots broken
2 Butterfly - 1 fair shape - label gone
from other - little dirt on the roots
Don't see how it can live
2 Purple Splendor. Deep purple black spot
Best shape of any but some shoots broken
2 Jan Dawsons. pink - fringed edge
no labels. I planted two plants in
bad shape. Little dirt on roots of either
One had no leaves & the other only one or two

I soaked them all several hours
surrounded them with saturated
peat, & watered them twice after
they were planted. I ran
water into the holes until it
stood level with the top of the hole
& planted them after it settled.
Will water them three tomorrow

June 14, 1957 (cont)
& twice on Sunday. That should save them if any thing will do it. They were enormously good plants when one time.

The boys spent their first night in the tent last night and made out ok right altho both Bruce & Geof got cold about 5:00 am

June 15, 1957

Another scorcher. We slept later than usual & it was 8:30 before I got down to mow the weeds. I managed to cut one swath down & back along the blackberries & started to live. It got so hot I had to give up & come to the house.

I watered all the new rhododendrons & the place I planted the Galega officinalis.

Fixed the door stops on the tent

Planted

8 Notospartium carmichaelae } Only 7 alive — Only 1 out by drive
7 Hybrid Brooms
1 Passion flower by kitchen

June 16, 1957

Another scorcher

I hoed the Aryan Blackberries before breakfast

Picked a big mess of peas

Watered the new Rhododendrons & the newly planted brooms.

Watered Parochetus communis

2 Magnolia lilyflora (Oct 24 one died other sick)

Too hot to work outside any more so took a shower & helped shell peas.

Purple hull peas coming up.

June 17, 1957

Bruce & I picked a big mess of black raspberries this morning & also a bunch of turnips.

June 18, 1957
I went to town & testified on the Claude Committee on the land acquisition proj. Came home & showed Stephen how to water the rhododendrons & the little broom also watered the pawcheleus commonis & some other things I just put out & also carried water to the Camellias. They should go now until I get back.

The Cape Cod Gardens package came today The carton was smashed & the plants very badly wilted particularly the arctostaphylos uvi ursi - Six rhododendrons were also in bad shape. The Callunas were slightly better. I potted them all & put them in the cold frame & will make no effort to put them out until fall
Terribly hot & sticky today about the worst day yet.

June 30, 1957
I got home from Phoenix at 9:30 last night
Clara picked Stringbeans on June 24
I planted more peas & pulled some weeds about the place. Settle shower last night made everything wet. Dug bed & the kids here.

July 2, 1957
Cash Brooks came back to work yesterday & I put him to work digging a trench for a new fence on the east side of the garden
I picked a mess of beets this morning & a big mess of beans tonight. We also had lettuce & rad heads & cabbage out of the garden.
I pulled some weeds with Bruces help but

July 2, 1957 (cont)
I spent most of the day getting lumber & bolts for the picnic tables and posts & wire for the new garden fence. Bruce & Geof helped build & paint the new picnic table & got a big kick out of tearing down the old one
Bob brot 2-2x8's for the benches. I couldnt get them at Vreeing but built the tables of 2x6's. We painted it gray & it looks real nice.
July 3, 1957
The kids & I finished the picnic tables & I worked at the weeding too for a while. Swept a walk & Cleff Pleasuke came out to bring some german who wanted to talk Conservation
July 4, 1957.
I worked out of doors in the morning watering and taking the old canes out of the black raspberries.
In afternoon it was too hot to do anything but visit. Everyone here for dinner & the fireworks. I got a spark in my eye that gave me a very sore right eye but I can see there it.
July 5, 1957.
Watered some & pulled the weeds out of most of the lower slope before it got too hot. Watered rhododendrons & camellias. worked in house in afternoon.
Inspector came & helped Bob & I pick out a place for his septic field.
July 6, 1957
I watered the little brooms this morning & Stephen watered the rhododendrons. The three boys also helped me weed the poke patch.
I picked a big mess of beans & one of kohl rabi.

July 6, 1957 (cont)
also cut one squash & 1 head of cabbage
Stirney + broke up the beans, + sliced the kohl rabi for Clara. She is freezing the beans & we are having kohl rabi for dinner.
I also fixed up the faucet by the garage so I will not have to run clear around the house every time I need a can of water.
Planted seeds that I gathered in Arizona
1 acut-leaved Opuntia
Mahonia
alligator juniper
Arizona Cypress
all in pots in cold frame. Will save some for planting this fall out doors
Worked in Arizona report for a while in the afternoon

July 7, 1957
I did some watering & planted out
2 Japanese umbrella pines
Opuntia acyuandes } nearly a foot
Silene petersoni } each
up above kitchen where I can water them.
Pulled some weeds.
Visited with the kids in the afternoon & evening.

July 8, 1957
I planted 50 Coronilla varia on the big bank in front of the place. Most of them I planted before are growing & with these so should soon cover the place.
It was hot & muggy. I watered the beds in front of the house, all the aquilegias & the brooms. Pulled a few weeds
Picked & snapped a big mess of beans, 3 heads of cabbage, 5 squash & 2 big cucumbers

July 9, 1957
It was so hot I nearly died and had to come in & lie down for awhile.

July 11, 1957
I dug two of the three holes for Bob's test and the boys got a start on the 10 foot hole.
Also Stephen trimmed the barberry hedge & Bruce pulled a lot of weeds.
I made a dozen cuttings (10 each to be exact) & put them into pots lined with plastic
7 10 Daphne Cneorum 3 grew about half world
10 Azalea Calendulacea
also got a flat ready & ~~put~~ put Azalea cuttings in ~~in~~ *
Tom & Iris back to the hospital and didn't get home until midnight. She couldn't breath but the doctor said she could fix her up.

July 13, 1957
Bob & I dug some more on the holes and nearly finished them before it got too hot. ~~I made a few cuttings of Daph~~ I watered some & pulled some weeds. We had two of Iris & Bob's friends out for a picnic dinner and then Clara & I went to see Iris - She was in intense pain despite the narcotics she had been given. We played with her until she dropped off to sleep.
Bob went in the evening.

July 14, 1957.
Bob & I finished the holes this morning & I picked a big mess of beans, several squash & cucumbers & heads of cabbage.
Helped Clara get squash & beans ready for freezing. Bob spent the afternoon in with Iris & Dave out here. Guests & I went & got them & took them home.

July 15, 1957

Clara but Slim & Geof into the office at noon and I took the bunch to lunch at the Cosmos Club. We then took Geof & Slim to the Barber shop for a hair cut for Geof.

Clara & I went to see Dris at Garfield Hospital she felt better than yesterday.

Clara took Geof to the dentist & I waited until Slim finished with the doctor & then came home x

July 16, 1957

Still hot & dry & I broke down & watered the terraces below the house this morning also pulled a lot of weeds on the slope & cut it's beginning to look better.

Picked a big mess of beet - rabi - one head of cabbage & 1 squash x

I made cuttings of

Azalea obtusa (30) in a flat
Erica ciliaris (15) in a flat
Helianthemum (15) " " pot.

July 17, 1957

I took Slim, Bruce & Kim Kemp to the museum at 10 o'clock am. They came to the office at noon for lunch & then went to the Cinerama. I waited until they came from Slim's doctor & came home.

Picked two baskets of beans & 4 squash when I got home & still didn't get all the beans in the afternoon I went to see Dris. She is terribly weak but not in so much pain. They tapped her chest again today & are to give her a blood transfusion this afternoon & another one tomorrow x

July 18, 1957.
I picked the rest of the beans this morning & did some watering. Then worked until 3 P.M. with Ed Brooks putting in posts & getting the fence in. I made three trips to Oakdale - one to get a little more wire, once to collect the boys and once to take Margaret.

I was all in after the last trips but the boys put copper paint on all the boards for the dock. Clara stayed late with Iris & didn't get home until 6 45-

Still hot & dry and we are not going to have much garden unless we get a good rain soon. Next year I'll sure have a pump in the pond & not depend on the well.

Young's mom came & built a wood to the dam site today.

Lilium T.A. Havermeyer in bloom
" Aurelian Sunburst Hybrids in bloom
Quite a lot of Pumilinus Glads in bloom

July 19, 1957
Iris much brighter today & in less pain when I saw her
But storm came

July 20, 1957
Stephen watered the Rhododendrons & the Brooms this morning
Bob helped me on the dock until 11 30 when he went up to dress & see Iris
Ed Brooks helped me finish it & the boys put another coat of Cuprenol paint on it.
I didn't do much in the afternoon as it was too darn hot

July 21, 1957
I strung hose with Mrs Culp & Peggys SO feet
and watered the tomatoes & cucumbers & peppers.
Picked beans, squash, cucumbers & tomatoes
& gave some to Jack & Jerry
Too hot to do anything else
July 22, 1957
Watered the stuff in front of the house
July 23, 1957
Watered some above the kitchen & then
rode the bikes - Sleepy & Bruce to Brittle
Jake up by Warrenton.
Bruce caught 3 crappies, & a big bluegill
a turtle & a catfish. Mayor & I got
some crappies we got rained on & worked
twice - although it only rained 30 I am
much at home.
July 24, 1957
I got home late but picked a big bucket
of beans, two squash & several cucumbers
July 25, 1957.
I watered purple culled pinto beans: today
cut balance of cabbage (3 heads) and pulled
all the early beets. Clara had Harvard
beets from some & will make pickles
the first.
I dug a few carrots - the best & largest
ones I've ever grown here.
Also watered the Sudangrass &
Berkeys up by the gardens.
Cash & Ed Brooks worked all day on
the garden - treating the new part
Made cuttings
of Lemon Thyme
Erica cerea
Silver Thyme

July 25, 1957 (cont)
Served Sun noon.
Transplanted
40 Campanula garganica
(cut) 10 Canaria (slugs)
15 Arabis varius
Stephen + J. then cleaned up the garage, burned a lot of trash + sorted out things in the bench + shelves worked in afternoon on the Bird Jacket
July 26, 1957
went to town but first sprayed the beans. Dan Jus + bro Steve came! watered the plants in the lower cutege.
July 27, 1957
Steve watered the Rhododendrons Jus morning
July 27, 1957
Steve watered the Rhododendrons + Azaleas + helped me plant four rows of turnips + some purple hulled peas
He then left with Bro to go get Jus. The Vienna ambulance brot Jus about 2:00 pm but Bro + Steve didn't get here until after 5:00 They stopped to get medicine + at the library
Bruce + I picked the beans watered the tomatoes squash + cucumbers + dug the grass out of the garden paths. I also got a mess of kohlrabi + cleaned it before Jus got here. After her arrival I sat with her and snapped the beans.
Watered the azaleas + other shrubs in the old picnic ground this evening
It is now raining a slow gentle rain but accompanied by much distant thunder
Jus stood the trip well

July 28, 1957
Slight shower last night but not enough to do any good. It made it disagreeable to work outside however I did a little watering, pulled a few weeds + cut down the dead dogwood on the slope.
Felt lousy this afternoon but eat with Jris + did quite a bit of work on Alaska birds
July 29, 1957
about 10 30 last night Jris commenced to get short of breath + we called the doctor At 11 30 we got the ambulance + Bob went in with her. I followed + but him back. She was again in an oxygen tent when we left + more comfortable but very low.
I went up at 11 30 and sat with her until 3 00 today. She was heavily doped + didn't say much + didn't eat
I but Sleve home - had a little dinner + went to bed at 8 30 PM. I was still in
July 30, 1957
It rained a bit last night but not enough to help anything.
I watered some around the house + then with Sleve help picked a nice bunch Lima beans + also a big slug I stung beans. Clara + I had earlier got the tomatoes + cucumbers
I watered the cucumbers, beans, squash + peppers this morning + afternoon also watered marigolds + flowers
Shelled the lima beans + Margery did part of the stringing beans until Grip came to Peggy's home to Gail
It rained 35 miles about 6 00 PM

July 31, 1957
Cosh Brooks showed up today but no Ed
I left early & had lunch with Connie Wirth
& then to the hospital to see Iris. She seemed
better than I am unable to see how or why
Boot Sleve came from his last trip to the
doctor
Aug 1, 1957
I did the morning chores and then took
Steve, Bruce & Greg to Battle Lake fishing
we got 19 rather small croppies & blue gill
& brot them home. We also had a bad
case of sunburn. Stopped & saw Rudwall as
we came out.
Aug 2, 1957
Clara went to town with me to get a
hearing aid - she didn't get it & won't
until next Tuesday. She & I had lunch
with Zahrns & then went to the hospital
about 130 PM Iris much worse & even
tho they put her in an oxygen tent
she was having much difficulty breathing.
I stayed until 900 PM Clara came home
& then came back for me. Boo stayed until
eleven - When the special nurse came
on he came home
Aug 3, 1957
Clara & I both dead on our feet. We
didn't get much done except both after
the beds. I raked some & picked the
beans, 2 quash, tomatoes cucumbers &
some peppers Young Plumer last night
and said he would be here the first
of the week to finish the pond & put in
the diversion dam. Hope he does it
& rained some this evening

August 4, 1957
I did quite a lot of watering in the early morning & Sleepy watered the Rhododendrons
Clara & I went to the hospital to see Iris but she didnt recognize enough to recognize us. I went back later with Bob and she didnt know us either. I wish she could go and get out of this pain & suffering
Aug 5, 1957
I went to the hospital again this morning before going to the office. This was the same obviously weaker.
Home at night & picked a basket of tomatoes & several cucumbers.
Aug 6, 1957
I left home to get Margaret (the maid) since Bob was still asleep. I waited until 8:30 but she didnt show up. When I got home the hospital had phoned that Iris could not live more than half an hour
Bob & I immediately got into shorter clothes & started to go when they phoned again to say that she had died.
We went on in to the hospital to make the necessary arrangements & then went to the cemetery & funeral home. It was one pm when we got back. The nurse said Iris never became conscious again.
I phoned canceling appointments & we arranged for the funeral on Thursday
I did a little watering on Tuesday & Wednesday but nothing else except answer the phone - help with the food etc
Mary Cunningham & several other friends were most helpful particularly
Mary

Aug 7, 1957
a terribly exhausting day. Bobs sister Mary got here & Cora, Nolan Spencer Herb & Marjory drop down & a cousin of Bobs & his wife from Dallas came
for Bob felt the tension too & was partaking
Aug 8, 1957
this services were in the Vienna church I would die & Bob were members. It was very simple & I feel it exceedingly well. We got back from the cemetary about 1 pm. Cora ate lunch about 3:00 & so did Bobs Cousins. Clark took a short nap in the afternoon & slept better at night. Did glad for this sake that her suffering is over. She was an exceedingly brave & courageous girl thru it all & her great concern was on Bob & his children more for himself.
Aug 9, 1957
I did some watering this morning & then went to town with Bob. I went to the funeral with Lee Gates & then & then to Connie Wilks meeting at the Cosmos Club.
(Sunday started the night) Aug 7 in the afternoon down in Jefferson run & when we got home we had finished pouring the concrete. The temporary dam held & backed the water around so that the pond was filling rapidly I do been making for who told now I like to see it overflow in before there is any more water in the stream

Aug 10, 1957
Did some watering & picked a big bunch of tomatoes & cucumbers. Also some peppers.
Watered around the house & all the shrubberies put out this spring. Im trying to save them but if we do not get some rain soon it will be impossible.
Aug 11, 1957
Steve & I watered the tomatoes, picked beans, lima beans, cucumbers etc.
The pond filled and started to overflow at 11:00 am. Things seem to be fine. Clean & I leave at 1:00 tomorrow for Denver. Steve will take care of the garden while I'm gone.
Aug 24, 1957
We got home from Denver about 6:00 PM last night. Stephen has done an excellent job watering the plants & taking care of the garden.
The pond is pretty well cleared & the dam is finished except for the spillway & taking out the temporary dam. The water is too high but it is hard to tell where it will be once the temporary dam is out.
I watered the garden this morning & started this evening on the shrubbery & flowers that I didn't ask Stephen to water. They have had only .15" of rain & I've never seen this county so dry. The dogwood & mature oaks look terrible & some of them may die. I'm starting in to water all the newly transplanted stuff & that will take two or three days since there is a lot of it.
The beans are almost gone, there is only

Aug 24, 1957 (cont'd)
squash vine still going beside the butternut squash. I watered everything in the garden & will do some more) the cliff up between the garden & the house tomorrow
Bruce raked the stones off the most of the paths & together we moved two Iris ochroleuca & five Iris versicolor, 9 Azalea vaseyi & 2 Azalea viscosa into the edge) the pond. We will plant Clethra & Hemerocallis fulva along the pond in the morning or some time tomorrow
We also planted the bamboo we have above the outlet to the pond.
Picked tomatos & Cucumbers, tonight & there is a small mess) string beans to pick. I expect they will be the last.
We had a fire in the fire place tonight the first) the season.
Collection is in bloom above the Belchen

Aug 25, 1957
It started to rain before I woke at 7^00 AM & rained more or less steadily until after 12 PM when I went to bed. We needed it badly & it will save me hours of watering. We didn't get out) doors at all & I worked at the desk all day. paying bills, answering mail and working on bird) alone. June & Hans Lee

Aug 26, 1957
Water running all over the bottom between the pond & the bed channel. All the flow of Deffgault Run except that passed into the pond by a 4 inch pipe is coming down inside) the temporary dam.
It rained 1.50 inches on my rain gauge.

Aug 26, 1957 (cont'd)
Bruce & I flushed a Great Blue Heron from the impoundment above the dam.
Tonight we moved some day lilies to a spot along the ~~pond~~ road & picked a good mess of beans. Young was supposed to come but he didn't show up!

Aug 27, 1957
Bob & the kids arrived at about 11ᵒᶜ AM. Young came this morning and it seems that we can lower the spillway about 4 inches & still get water into the pond.
Bruce & I planted some radish & lettuce seeds & I asked Clara to get some more lettuce seed since I only had enough for one row.
We moved a lot of day lilies to a place along the pond. We also moved a lot of Siberian Iris & all the Royal Ferns to a place along the pond.

Aug 29, 1957
I stayed home today. Bruce & Steve worked a large part of the day raking the debris around the pond & filling the gullies.
I planted more lettuce, picked tomatoes, cucumbers, beets etc & transplanted a lot of Iris down onto the new dike & it should do well. I was tired out by 4ᵒᶜ PM now from running up & down the path than from anything else. Several bug dusters & elephant calls made it necessary to come up.

Aug 31, 1957
I worked all day on the dam boat & mud Bob help finally got at finished about 6:30 PM. Bruce & Steve pulled it. I was all in & went to

Aug 31, 1957 cont
bed about 9 30 Pm.

Sept 1, 1957

Woke up tired & stiff. Planted a few more roots & seeded as much of the dike as I could. The boys raked the rest of the west side but I didn't get it finished so far as seeding was concerned.

Joe & Nancy Meldrum & Peggy came over for a while. They are trying to sell their lot and we liked the salmon that John Alvin sent us. It was excellent.

The boys broke the guard rail on the boat before the day was over. I will have to find a way to fix it.

Sept 2, 1957

I fixed the boat as best I could with Bobs help.

Also set out 11 Arabis varieg in front of the house

Viola Calcarata above picnic grill in the first row

Pentstemon glober down the hill

" barbatus down the hill

The one clove Arctostaphylos was dug & fine that may live some place in there

The two Chrysanthemum that were given to us. down by the dock.

Mined the variegated leaved Euonimus away from dock.

Put a few plants out in front of the house that were already there

Also put out a few Iris in front

Sept 2, 1957 (cont)
Bob getting ready to move back to the Falls Church Library.
June & Dave here.
Gail came & got a lot of his clothes that she cared most.

Sept 6, 1957
Got home from N.Y. about 3:00 PM & took a nap. Then did a little watering & painted the boat after plugging up some of the cracks with plastic wood.

Sept 7, 1957.
I got home about 4:00 PM & painted the boat again. Mowed the rest of the German Iris. Steve came & we had the trouble fixing the worm box.

Sept 8, 1957
I slept until 7:30 & then after breakfast I mowed. Fuchias & two asiatic primroses down by the pond. Bruce & I moved the Cleitra alnifolia, Lobelia cardinalis & One Chelone glabra from the small propagating garden to the edge of the pond. Also 3 Iris Kaempferi. (and during mowing)

I helped Stephen bury the worm box and it was a hell of a job. We had to cut out the remains of an old pin oak stump & it took a long time.
After lunch I planted 20 Azalea occidentalis seedlings that I had raised & 10 seedlings of Azalea vaseyi down by the pond.
Steve & I moved the Japanese Iris

Sept 8, 1957 (cont)
across the pond from the docks.
Young's men have been hauling
big blocks of concrete down here all yesterday
+ today. This afternoon they brot a bucket
loader + hauled the stuff + put in nice
+ packed it down below the dam to make
the spillway.
We had a little shower about 6:00 PM. I
doubt that it was enough to do much good

Sept 9, 1957
I did a lot of small chores today and
got the place in shape to leave for a few days.
① Moved Tarragon up by the Bakkein
② " 3 Hosta glauca down the hill
③ Put out about 1 S. Pyrethrum Painted daisy
by the docks
④ Put two pots of Asplenodonia luteum
by docks
⑤ Moved Campanula persicafolia alba near dock
⑥ " Stokesia laevis " " "
⑦ Transplanted
Rhododendron smirnowii + Rhamnoplycum
plants into a compact bunch.
⑧ Put out the plants that came up in
pot with Arctophyeus uva ursi seedlings
in it out along the drive
⑨ Moved Aruncus sylvester along drive
killed a big bunch of yellowjackets
up by the drive.

Sept 14, 1957
Clara + I returned about noon and found about
1" rain + rain still in the gauge. I pulled weeds
here, + there + transplanted some vegetables to the
area along the drive. Also set out an Beach Plum
+ 2 Myrica gale

Sept 15, 1957.
It rained aboard last night (1½ in) & the storm put our lights out for about 4 hours.
The big tulip tree is down just above the dike & it will be a hell of a mess to clean up.
Steve brot in a great bunch of Cardinal flowers & we planted them along the pond.
I did some other transplanting
moved Liatris up around the garden
" Thermopsis caroliniana " " "
" Auricula primulas down to pond edge where they will get more sun.
Had to leave at 4:00 Rm to take train to new York
BA took me in

Sept 17, 1957
Clara reported that it rained 2.50 inches last night. She said it rained most of the night.
Difficult Run is far out / its banks become four unflushed dam. It is Conover running all three our side of the Creek. About an inch going over the crest / the dam as the water had backed out a lot / the temporary dam.
The Bornhaven Primroses came tonight + I planted them in the bog garden. I did as mrs Levy suggested and put the candelabras in the wettest spots and the veil primulas in the slightly higher ones.

Sept 19, 1957
Jack Brooks returned to work yesterday & finished the garden trenching. He started on the wall behind the kitchen this morning but by noon had about as slow progress with me as I do.
I put out Aquilegia atrensis seedlings along the drive + also planted a bunch of Foxgloves up by the garden path and

Sept 19, 1957 (cont)
on the road. These are in addition to those previously planted along the drive.

I had three pockets of seed which I put out but rain washed them all down to the bottom of the bed & mixed them up badly. I had planted Digitalis laevigata (three up along garden path), D. lutea (along drive) D. purpurea grandiflora along drive & along garden. I am assuming that the plants nearest the labels were of that variety but cannot tell until they bloom.

I also planted Cyclamen Cicilium up toward garden under a little pine tree. The books said this species liked much condition & dry then they.

I also pulled some weeds on the slope & cut some sprouts.

Young men came with the power loader & finished putting rocks in the spillway. They packed it again & then covered it with cement 3-4 inches deep. The truck & load weighed 86000 pounds. In to take the ~~permanent~~ temporary dam out on Sat morning & let the water go down the old stream bed & shut it out of the woods.

Sept 20, 1957
Cash & I cut the limbs off the big Tulip that went down. It took us about 2 1/2 hours but I hope now we can get it out of the pond.

Cash quit & went home after we finished Scud's back yard.

I moved two Twillies down by the pond. They were doing no good where they were. & needed more water

I also picked tomatoes, beans, & peppers & got Clara a mess of beets.

Sept 20, 1957
Made a trip to Alaton & got brets & chain for the boat & put it on. Rest of the day working at the dock.
Sept 21, 1957
Steve, Bruce & I cut the temporary dam & plugged the canal leading into the old channel to keep the water out of the woods & dry it up.
We also cut quite a lot of brush & cleaned up on Burnets land. We got didn't finish but did get a lot of it done
I mowed three hrs. It got too hot for me to work more. So I visited with the girls. Gail, Woody & their kids out as well as Bob & the youngsters.
The kids found a place to play in the apron of the dam. It was clean & they immediately began to carry mud onto it.
Sept 22, 1957
Steve, Bruce, Bob & I finished cleaning up the mess on Burnet's place and also cut the brush all along the pond on Bobs lot. The kids really worked at it & played this afternoon
It was hot as hell all afternoon. I was tired when I finished working & sat down & watched Gail play in the water below the dam.
Our temporary dam into the old channel went out during the night & we had to rebuild it. I hope it stays tonight.
I carried Christy up the hill & I had to stop & rest a couple of times. I thinks it was the heat more than anything

Sept 22, 1957
after she is getting Creamy.
Bob took all the kids home longest & Clara & I had some snacks. They ate ice cream & caps but Clara & I didn't.

Sept 23, 1957
The dam (in the canal) held last night & all day today & there is no water going into the pond - it is all going down the creek.
When I got home tonight there was a plant package here from E. C. Robbins.
Dam still leaking & bottom commencing to dry out.

Sept 24, 1957
Planted from E.C. Robbins
3 Silene virginica on slope below House
3 Osmunda claytoniana } along old Channel
3 " cinnamomea } Difficult Run
1 Aster Nova angliae near dock. Bottom bed
10 Caltha palustris
3 Cornus canadensis } along east edge
1 Sarracenia purpurea } pond.
10 Lilium superbum
1 Galax aphylla } with other galax
1 Shortia galacifolia } with " Shortia.
See

After these were done I found a bunch of Hemerocallis, 32 red & 3 English Ivy plants growing in the debris from the dig out here for the spillway for the dam. I planted the iris along the drive & the English Ivy in the bed by the cold frame. The Hemerocallis I put in the pond until I could get the place fixed at the other end of the pond.
Clara went down with me & we staked out places for the street gum

Sept 24, 1957 (cont)
& the Crimson King Maple. In front
of them I planted 4 seedlings ~~Prunus~~
Malus floribunda & 1 Japanese Pagoda
Tree - sophora japonica.

Cash finished laying the cement wall
back of the kitchen but still has the dry
wall on top & ~~at~~ to set. I put him to work
clearing up the lot & the big tulip tree
went way in the big wind while Clara & I were
at Cape May.

Worked in the house all afternoon
in spite of the fact that it was a beautiful
cool fall day.

Sept 26, 1957
When I got home last night the Box from
Wallen Marx gardens was here. I planted

1	Oriental Poppy	Cerise Beauty	
1	Oriental Poppy	Betty Ann ✓	front terrace
1	"	" Cherrio ✓	
1	"	" Empress of Judy	
1	"	" Watermelon ✓	
3	Cyclamen neapreitanum		with others 3rd terrace
3	"	coum	
3	Peony	Golden Dawn - 2nd terrace	
1	Iris	Colossal (substitute) ✓	all on drive
1	"	Black forest ✓	
1	"	Blue Shimmer ✓ ✓	
1	"	Cascade Splendor ✓	
1	"	Circus ✓	
1	"	Solbaro (sub) ✓	
1	"	Great Lakes ✓	
1	"	Morocco Rose ✓	
1	"	Wabash ✓	
1	"	~~Crest Beauty~~ substituted	

Sept 26, 1957 cont

1 Iris Three Signals ✓
1 " Myrtle Melody ✓
1 " Vatican Purple ✓
1 drg Iris reticulata (Cantab) } on dello

Three backs of the Kalthern umbrella

Drug Iris

1 Duke Spot
1 Blue Flash
1 Sun drop
1 Tampa
1 Tantalizer
1 Fairy Charm } along trail

I worked until 10:00 PM last night to get the manuscript done for Peggy to take this morning + then overslept so she was gone before I awakened.

I started to plant the plants after getting the water ready for the fish but had to quit to go meet the fish trucks. There was a mix up on time + we waited an hour + a half.

Clara drove the ford right in on to the dolac + it only took us a few minutes to release them.

Then went to Vienna to get me some field clothes. We took Peggys dad along.

After we returned it took me the balance of the afternoon to do the plants.

I moved the horehound, 1 Confederate Violet + one Baptisia australis - the latter two to make room for the Golden Rain Peonies. I put them all up along the garden trail

Peggy + her dad ate for dinner. both of them are tired from the long trip

A Black throated Blue Warbler ate the magnolia tree in front of the house

Sept 28, 1957

Young showed up this morning with his loader & finished raising the dike & fixed the area along the road to the dam as best he could with the amount of water there & put in the pipe & the strainers on both. He is finished now but I'm disappointed at the amount & hard work there is left to do.

Steve & I dug out the temporary dam that kept the water out of the old channel & it is filling again.

This morning Steve Bruce & I got quite a bit of the dike raked & smoothed ready to plant. & we trimmed up quite a lot of trees that the bulldozer had knocked down.

I'm tired as hell tonight

We put the new one boobs (that clam poured) on the boat & it is now in commission again.

Sept 29, 1957

Steve Bruce & I worked raking & leveling the dike & planting seeds. We got about 2/3 of it done & also did the area across the Run near the dam. We also did some leveling on this side but much of it was too wet to work.

Sept 30, 1957

Steve, Bruce & I finished raking & seeding the dike. & then with Gail & Lee bid the clam boys & I went to Bottle Lake fishing. Not much luck but we had a good time.

Bot bales two making aquilegeas & planted them up along the garden path

Oct 2, 1957

Clara & I left early today for the doctors office. After they got my blood samples I went on to the office & to the Club for a luncheon. Clara joined us and they we came home arriving at 3.00 PM

I planted 3 Tree Peonies that I raised from seed. Put them on the dike

Putz Crocus chrysanthus E.P. Bowles
12 " " Zwanenberg Bronze
12 " cut Ruscus Zwanenberg
12 " Vernus Haarlem gem
} along new path along the pond

I also brot up & planted along the road 35 plants } Hemerocallis that I picked out of the material young brot to fill below the dam.

About 5.30 a small bunch of 9 or 10 geese flew up the run going south. They were high but honked as they went over the pond.

Oct 3, 1957

I planted 50 Anemone Coronaria when done could see them from the window at the end of the day

6 Narcissus Jonquils back of fireplace

Started to plant Crocus when Young came. We looked over the dam & decided to cut it down another 3 miches & unclog the hole. He left this bill for 11.02.00. This makes the dam, spillway, road & pond comp to about 1800.00 dollars or about half the my previous bid of 3500 for the complete job.

Finished Crocus bit evening

Oct 4, 1957

Drove to Dry Hill Forest at Cockeysville Md & brot back 6 Ilex Cornuta & put them out by the bed

Oct 5, 1957
I put out
50 Clinodesa liciloa
50 Muscari armeniacum
50 Allium moly.
I also put a trail along the back of the hill up onto Bob lot and to a place where we will build a foot bridge across a little back water.
Steven worked fixing the bog garden & planted 20+ Christmas ferns & 8 Maidenhead ferns along the bank.
Youngs man came & cut down the dam another 3 inches & the water is dropping in the pond & the old channel.
Paul young 672 cc which makes the pond ~~cost~~ dam & grading cost about 1800 - all paid for.
Cool & cloudy but with there hints

Oct 6, 1957
It had rained .40 I am sick & was still raining when I got up this morning. I went up & got a mess of turnips & then Steve, Bruce, Carole & I went to wilde acres in the rain. It is 12 miles beyond winchester and borders on the National Forest. We got stuck well out with the salesman but got back time about 3 pm.
It has rained steadily all day and. the amount of water must be approaching two inches.
I can see from the house that the creek has cut there way around it going down behind the dikes in a good stream

Oct 7, 1957

I got radishes from the garden this morning when I went to haul the rain gauge.

Also got home early from the office and seeded the rest of the duke & reseeded a few washed spots.

Planted 50 Scilla campanulata
50 " sibirica
on slope above pond.

Found little damage from the huge water altho a big flow I make still going down the stream.

As I came up to the house thinking I had the bulbs all planted I found Clara had brot the box of narcissus 200 bulbs from the Daffodil Mart.

Ill put these on the lower slope also & altogether it will make quite a show.

"

Oct 8, 1957

Did a lot of little chores

Put a fence around 3 Ilex Cornuta Ill rabbits have been working on.

Pruned up & sorted pots

Did usual chores

Planted 12 Narcissus minimus } above outdoor
12 " triandrus } fireplace

" about 50 White & Yellow Narcissus in the Woods above the pond.

Fixed new plastic on the hot bed

Talked to Henry Collins about his proposed guide service.

October 9, 1957
I had a bad night Cassie didnt wake until 8 30 this morning. Felt bum all day but went to town and came home early.
I succeeded in getting the balance of the 200 narcissus bulbs planted before dark. Am sure glad that is over. Tired tonight & will go to bed early

Oct 10, 1957
Slept late again and didnt get up until 8 oc
Planted 5 Mertensia virginica } above east
6 Lycoris squamigera } side } pool
4 Autumn blooming Iris
Iris White Autumn King (made 2)
" Eleanor Roosevelt

Put above other iris on dike
Widened the outlet to the pool thru the old temporary dam.
Dug about 1/2 bench for new asparagus bed.
Hauled some dirt away from garden fence
+ two loads of rocks for wall back of kitchen
Mixed
1 Cytisus pilosa down till nuts sum
1 " praecox one dike
2 Pentstemon cardinelli nuts a little more shade.

Worked at the desk all afternoon

Oct 11, 1957
Clara, Mr. Wagner + I went back to Wild Acres + bought a lot. It was a good place. after I got home I finished digging one asparagus bench

Oct 11, 1957 (cont)

Cash & another negro finished the wall behind the kitchen & did some cleaning up down on the bottom. We got the bricks about 5 oc per

Oct 12, 1957

I got Cash started on the wood & I think we can let on a scheme to make it possible most of the time. The other man continued the clean up

I went with Glen & Bruce to their alder swamp & we brot back - golden club, possibly one pickerel weed & several bugle ferns which may be succulent ferns.

Planted them in the bog garden.

It frosted last night & I picked all the green tomatoes - a bushel basket full - all the peppers & some of the last peppers

Oct 13, 1957

Last night the boys took the boat & went up the creek nearly to Vale road. They had to drag it over bars etc soon after passing Lojie Island so I guess it didn't flood anywhere too much

~~Oct 13, 1957~~

Glen, Bruce & I went over to the little swamp where they had previously found cinnamon ferns. We got back four & planted them.

Boy, Glen & I cut the hole on the old temporary dam wider & filled some of the holes left by the tractor.

About one thirty I got a terrible case of the trots. Clara has been down with it since yesterday noon. about 5-2 went over to take a Colorado Blue spruce to Peggy & found that her dad had the same thing. Guess

Oct 13, 1957 (cont)
we got at at that restaurant in Wauchula
seine ~~boat~~ one else got at.

Oct 14, 1957
I Shot the worst of the trots was over for me but I started all over again this morning
Helped Clara clean & slice green tomatoes
& slept most of the rest of the day when I
was not on the throne.
Went to bed at 8 30

Oct 15, 1957
Still Trotting but did get a fair nights
rest. Helped with the apples ete for the
tomato relish.
Transplanted about 50 tely of the
Valley that were growing but never
blooming they were in front of the house &
put them up along the garden path.
Young brot two loads of stone to
put above the dam. His driver got stuck
once but managed to get out.
Cash & Charley helped get the rocks placed
on the big hole above the dam & they also
got two six inch pipes into the road
so it shouldn't overflow the road except
in extreme floods.
I stayed down with them all afternoon
& my legs ache today.
Clara made 8½ quarts of green
tomato relish, out of the skipp & brot
down from the garden.

Oct 16, 1957

Had planned to go to town today but felt so lousy I didn't go. Slept most of the day but did go down & get a bundle of Sweetpeas that I got around the dam & planted them out along the road.

The men continued to work on the road & got it pretty well finished.

Oct 17, 1957

Cloudy & rainy so no men. I went down & brot up the tools & picked a few radishes & turnips for dinner tonight

Planted 4 small Lemon Thyme on the walls - two back of the bulbs & 2 along the drive

Transplanted

1 pot of Cyclamen neapolitanum

2 bunches of Erica

1 " of Helianthemum

3 S. Azalea cuttings. They were well rooted and I put 30 in a flat in the cold frame & 25 out of doors in a bed which I shall cover well with peat moss. Every cutting grew.

Slept much of the day except that I did go over & get a hair cut.

Oct 18, 1957

Clara went to the doctor & I took the dentist this morning. Came home about 3 P.M. Clara went after the sled & I got in wood, got radishes for garden & moved a few plants

Oct 19, 1957

Casa came today & nearly finished taking the old temporary dam out of the Run. He used the stuff to fill the holes the tractor made when it was here last. Grass sprouting

(Oct 19, 1957 cont)
well after the last rain.
I got half the second trench for asparagus opened today. Packed ~~tomatoes~~ turnips for us and beets for both us + gail
In the afternoon Martha, Doug, Steve, Bruce & I worked down in the bottoms & cleared the brush + weeds from the banks of the old channel that is filled with water. Tired tonight ~~but~~ got something done. The first time this week that I've felt like working.
Also got peat on the rhododendrons planted last spring. One more is going to die.

Oct 20, 1957
I took all three boys too Buttle Lake but there was no one there to sell us bait or rent us a boat.
We did quite a lot of ~~looking~~ looking & planting
4 Dicentra eximia } Front side of Pond
4 Cimicifuga obscura }
4 Aquilegia canadensis } Jeff's garden
4 or 5 Ebony Spleenwort }
4 Closed Gentians } stone
1 or 2 Sagittarias & other plants } garden
3 Willow Oaks } in nursery garden
3 Red bud }
Clara but the box I slept from Wayside gardens last night & this afternoon I planted
1 Hemerocallis Helios } in lake terrace
1 " Apollo }
3 Lilium Canadense in bog garden
Clara & I went over to Field Packards about 4:30 & had a nice visit with Dave Roberts & his wife. We enjoyed it very much

First Juncos at feeding station today.

Oct 21, 1957
I planted
6 Tulipa pulchella violacea
6 Lilium Candidum olympic Special Select.
3 " Frieda hybrid Mr. Abel
3 " hybrid golden Royal
This was balance } Wayside orders & I
put them all in front } border
3 bulbs of L-speciosum album ordered were
not included & I wrote them today
When I came home at 5 pm there was a
package in the mailbox from Green
Ridge Nursery containg following which
I planted
3 Ilex glabra } east side }
3 Viburnum Odoratis } front
2 Azalea roseum cut by cold frame
1 Metasequoia glyptostroboides (Dawn
Redwood) down by shooting range.

Oct 22, 1957
Cash showed up and finished the work
down by the dam. He started hauling stuff
from the garden & working on the last bit
of wall down the hill.
I finished the asparagus trench,
put the sacks } Burning ~~on~~ them &
moved ~~2~~ 4 rhubarb plants into the
garden.
Put out on the dry slope 7 seedling
pungen pines that I raised
Mixed 3 red leaved barberry
edging below the drive where
they will get more sun.
Worked with Mogen when he
came with the bronze etc
Over to timberlane for dinner with Clara
and 2 boys

Oct 24, 1957

I had two orders of nursery stuff to plant out it rained steadily all morning.

About 9 oo am Peggy called & said Rex Leffler wanted me to come to a meeting in their office so I dressed & went over

Connie came & met Clara, went back with her to Bobs & left her car. We then went in to dinner with the Lefflers & had a very nice time.

Steve came home with me when I left her there for the night

Oct 25, 1957

Steve & I planted the bulbs that came from Ashburst Gardens & Walter Marx

Ashburst Ardn

2 Scilla peruviana on Rural terrace (Lundy Mead Bed)
2 Alstroemeria pulchella north end of pond terrace
1 doz Allium tuberosum (Oriental Garlic) back of Kitchen
1 " " TRIQUETRUM under Cornus Kousa
(One Habranthus bulb yet to come)

From Walter Marx Garden

Up when old wood road comes in

3 Lilium Shuksan (Bellingham Hybrid)
3 " Hansonii
3 " Henryi
6 " Cernuum
12 " regale

I had one bulb of a Mid century Daylily "Prosperity" sent as a bonus which I put down on the garden terrace where there is room for the three I've ordered

Steve hilled & thinned a squirrel invaded I walked around with Mr Wagner.

Then Steve & I went to work transplanting out of the garden (nursery)

Oct 25, 1957
We moved to their permanent places
1 Crimson King Maple
1 Sugar Maple
3 Cypress leaning one to put on the island
1. Sweet Gum
4 Mulberries (from guys)
4 Birch which we put down for whole birch from Canada
all went around the pond to help hide the scars of construction
I came up to rest & be with Christy who is asleep while Clara went after the other two boys. She helped me most of the time

Oct 26, 1957
Ross Leffler & his wife stopped a while this morning on their way to Niles.
We transplanted
1 - Cypress on to the island
1 - Magnolia glauca east shore of pond
1 - Fouicra (from guys to north end of pond
12-20 - Forsythia to front bank
I also cut a trail down from the cord from to the bottom of the slope near the end of the Mulberry rose hedge.
Took the boys for a plant hunting trip & they roused hell until Bob & I got bored
Put & brot them home. We made the mistake of letting Kevin go along.

Oct 27, 1957
We changed back to standard time today & everyone is confused
I moved the following plants
1. Fothergilla. Put it down by pond
2. 2 Symphoricarpos (Snowberry) a

Oct 27, 1957 (cont)
1 Symphoricarpus chenaulti (2) by pond
1 Hemlock down by pond drawn
1 Eastern arbor vitae " "
1 hybrid pear on west side of dike
3 Hedgied cottonwood (across creek by bridge)
67 7. Berberis (Jap) along Leeds Road
7. Clematus (white) put in front of trees non climbing
3 Daylilies Steve + I found in debris brot by young * Put by old channel
Steve + I cleaned all the leaves out of the ditches along Leeds road. We got a huge pile for composting. We were both tired when we finished.
The boys and I burned the trash that we cut along the old channel, mucked including a lot of green brian + honeysuckle.
Gail + her family, Jim + Dave + Bob + Les Bibbs were all here for dinner.
We seeded the dam this side of the dam and on Bobs place.
Oct 28, 1957
Steve + I moved a Sycamore tree down the hill + planted it below the dam.
We also moved one Forsythia bush over onto the ditch + put an Azalea nudiflora over by the old channel. They were crowding other things
Put 2 Tenerum up along the ditch + got posts for foot bridges also got two 2 inch stuff cut + painted with wood preservative to put on the bridges.
Went to Hoffs Game farm + arranged to shoot Friday morning.

Oct 30, 1957

The Pearce Seed Co order, with the exception of Lycoris radiata came yesterday

Steve & I planted

3 Notholirion Thompsonianum
1 Iris versicolor
2 " fulva
4 " gingaticaerulea (three two divided) } put down by pond

1 Iris forrestii up along garden trail about a dozen Barberies along road that we gathered up around the place

We shade two budges & put them in - one on Bobs lot and one across an old channel along the run.

Finished the hot bed

Cut & painted lumber for seed box.

Threw a few Targets for Steve who did very well shooting doubles.

We also moved two german Iris & one day lily that showed up in beds from which we had previously moved them.

Oct 31, 1957

Went to Ypsi

Nov 1, 1957

Took Steve & Bruce up to HJ Game Farm to shoot pheasants. Each got a Cock & a Hen and I killed a cock. It started to rain as we came home.

Steve & I planted

1 Sarracenia flava } in Bs
1 " rubra } garden
1 " purpurea

2 Rosemarinus officinalis on west to bottom terrace.

Nov 2, 1957

Clara & I got lettuce & thinnings out of the garden & I dug, divided & replanted two Equisetums before taking off for Plummers Island. Got back from the oyster roast about 4:30 PM & found a package of lily bulbs from Roman Hays. Planted 3 Lilium Prosperity with the one I planted previously.

Planted one Paw-paw that I got from Plummers Island. It had somewhat better roots than any I have ever bought from nurserys & planted.

Nov 3, 1957

Planted

3	Golden Splendor Lilies	Pond
3	Croesus	terrace
3	Tangelo	

3 Lilium canadense flavum on east side of pond

Divided rest of Equisetums & put them up above terrace

Moved about a hundred English Violets up along garden trail & below the Cold frames

The boys & I took leaves out of the gutter along road & out of the drive. We have a great pile for composting now.

June, Dave, Bob & Ike heads all there for the day.

Clara back this evening & appears to be getting over flu

Nov 4, 1957

Clara feeling rotten this morning but I went to town & came home about 4 oc PM
Planted the balance of the order from the Interstate nurseries and planted in the pond terrace.

1 Helenium Copper Spray
1 Phlox Pinkette Shell pink
1 " Sir John Falstaff Salmon pink
1 " San Antonio purple red
1 " Chas Curtis Scarlet crimson
1 " Brigadier Orange flame
1 " Sir Malcom Campbell carmine orange
1 " Purple Heart purple
1 " White Admiral white

(Winter When weather putting out plants tonight)

They sent some extra Phlox
Also found some more mouse damage & put out poison & dye.

Nov 5, 1957

Cash & Charley came back this morning & finished leveling some ground near the cold frame. They then went to work on clearing up the debris left by the pond construction.

Clara & I went over to vite & left the car to be serviced. I am getting the flu and had to cancell my plans to go duck hunting on the opening day.

I fixed the wire on the seed bed & had Cash put it in position & fill in around it. It will be a great help in getting seeds planted.

Slept or laid in bed most of the day

Nov 6 1957

Clara & I both some better today altho not have not felt like doing anything much

I got lettuce & radishes from the garden & moved 4 azaleas out of the old sand box

Nov 6, 1957 (cont)
and got some sand on the bottom) the new seed bed.
Also got the new cable on the hot bed.
Hope I feel like doing something tomorrow
Clara has a fever again tonight

Nov 7, 1957
I felt a little better this morning & went down the hill to watch Cash & Dandy work.
Moved 3 Hydrangea arborescens - Hills of snow down the hill. Still alive but little growth
" 4 Huckleberry Lyonia down the hill
Picked lettuce & brussels sprouts for Clara
Took 9 Sophora tetraptera out of pots & set them in bottom land nursery garden
Spent most of balance of the day resting & taking life easy.
Got in wood for a fire
Mr Wagner but mail & it included one nursery order from Spring Hill Nursery
1 Interlaken seedless grape Grape patch
100 Washington Asparagus plant Garden
1 Deutzia scabra 12-18 nelson
2 Lonicera tatarica (4y) Lehr
3 " Zabeli 18-24 "
3 Euonymus alatus Compactus 3 yr. Lehr
Clara defrosted, better tonight
I put the plants in a bucket frame & didn't open the asparagus plants with plant over the week end.

Nov 9, 1957
I planted the Spring Hill order this morning & it was nice stuff. It was a big job to put out, fertilize & cover the asparagus but I got it done with.

Nov 9, 1957 | cont
Steve help. It was a little wet from the rain last night & might be.

This afternoon's mail brot 2 packages
Ware 3 Coral Hy brid Lily Pond Terrace
Growers Exchange 4 Tree Peonies
1 Rumpo
1 Red
1 Akahi no Sora Gar (? sp)
1 Sahel Nagitka
} Herbs

This completes these two orders & I got them both planted today

I put a little grass seed along the road way to the dam. Put is only along the poles we put in to keep it from washing.

We picked turnips & radishes from the garden.

Nov 10, 1957

Cold Raw wind all day. I fixed up the seed bed ready to plant, got in wood etc & worked in the house.

Went with Gale & Woody up to Shawandale & looked at the commercial property Woody has been talking about. It looks like a pretty good thing*

Steve got some cliff ferns - probably woodsia
Nov 15-57 could | different Dorbury ones which planted along his bog garden

The cliff ferns I put on the wall | the largest range & nearly froze down at it went down to 18° last night & the leaves of the red & Scarlet oaks are coming down like rain

Cut some brush up toward the

Nov 10, 1957 (cont)
while I could still remember where I wanted to cut.
Cash here but no Charley & I Wild Cang he could furnish the job & work for Campbell. I told him this work money must wait until he finished with Campbell
Both tiny witch hazels sent I put out last spring are in bloom & I wish I could see them

Nov 16, 1957
Got home last night after dark. The 10 Lycoris radiata bulbs Cang while I was gone and I planted them down by the pond in a great clump & put moss compost over them
Bob got home late last night & came out and got lunch for us.
The boys & I put the tar paper on the tent, front steps & put dirt & stones on the bottom of the paper. It should be a lot warmer in the tent particularly on windy days
The boys dug a trench to get the water away from the road to the dam.
I planted 13 kinds of seed in the new seed bed.
① Arizona cypress, ② Alligator Juniper, ③ Mahonia fremonti (last I picked was Oregon) ④ Iris & ⑤ Pentstemon seed that I got on North Park Colo, and the following purchased seeds ⑥ Cornus canadensis, ⑦ Arctostaphylos uva ursi, ⑧ Hippophae rhamnoides ⑨ Fremontia californica ⑩ Phormium tenax ⑪ abies concolor, ⑫ Ceanothus Lacy Sitkensis ⑬ Myrica gale (seed from N.J.)

Nov 17, 1957

I got the last of the turnips & radishes & cleaned them while the boys got two loads of leaves out of the ditch above our culvert.

Bob & I also ~~first~~ Peggy dead oak that was right against her fence line & trimmed it up.

I threw some blue vitriol for Bruce & Geof. Geof only shot twice, but Bruce shot out one bucket of them & cut a number.

Nov 18, 1957

I met Clara at 1:30 & brot her home. She went straight over to Bobs again as Margaret didn't stay after 1 oc PM. I did a little work cutting brush between the house & garden & then went over there to dinner.

Nov 19, 1957

I worked at the desk until about 11 oc when it dried off enough to go out. I had just started getting pots ready to plant seeds when Clara came.

We went down to the dam to see it running over the full length of the spillway for the first time

We also went to the garden & got parsnips & brussels sprouts. Later I went up & got the remaining carrots & two big Winter radishes

I fixed pots & planted

Calochortus venustus (Santa Clara Co Cal)
" " from garden
" Gunnisoni " " "
" Vestae " " "
" Lutea " " "
" splendens " " "

all from Mrs Schmidt's garden

Nov 19, 1957 cont
also planted 1 Pot Rhododendum Decorum
see from Thompson & Morgan.
I set out 4 Colorado blue spruce
near the house.
Planted bulbs / early flowering glads
near others & on the same terrace
12 Spitfire (scarlet violet blotches)
12 Peach Blossom Salmon Pinks
12 Flamus Amanda Maby. Salmon } these three with
12 Charm, purple lilac } very little
12 Byzantinus rosy scarlet } pink violet flake
Put out mouse poison.

Nov 22, 1957
I cleaned up the balance of the pent & put it down on some of the dirt above the new walls. Also put some rough compost on the iris on the inside of the hill hoping to help stop the erosion
Got the last of the turnips & beets down
The beets today were windy & raw & wet & the rest of the day in the house
The birds have been very active this morning & have just filled the feeders & swarmed at the feeders.
It is cloudy, cold & raw & feels like snow. Maybe that accounts for the action
I'm addition to the regular breeders Carolina wrens, Downy, Hairy & Red bellied woodpeckers Chickadees, White breasted Nuthatches, Tufted Juncos, Cardinals & Quail, there has been a mocking bird, Ruby crowned Kinglet & Phoebe at the feeding station or around the house. Many, many Cardinals. Each morning and Two

Nov 22, 1957 (cont)
three Sparrows the first for the winter around the house.

Nov 23, 1957
I took Bruce & Stephen to Wildacres for a Count we stayed at Hayfield Motel and got out to the place before daylight. Just as we put our guns together & started out it began to snow
We made a big trip up the mountain & found an old saw mill site & a number of wood roads that will make good hunting for grouse & squirrels. There are some good squirrel grey hop there.
About 1 Pm we came back to the car wet & cold - The snow was so thick we couldn't see so we quit & came home.
I planted two nice White Mulberry trees down below the dike. Dd forgotten ordering them. They should do well in the spot where I placed them.

Nov 24, 1957
Bob helped me get the sacks of peanut hulls hauled down and put over the fence & also helped me take two sacks of lime up to the garden. I spread the lime on all but the beets, parsnips & lettuce patches & then Stew helped me put the peat on the ledge from Bobs lot line to the drive & spread the 10 bags of ground peanut hulls & stems over the garden
I also moved part of the compost pile, then some blue rocks for Stew, & helped Bob get two Holly trees for Mr Quinn. I spent the balance of the day talking to Jane, Dewie, Gail & Bob

Nov 23, 1957 (cont)

Ed Campbell (who has been promising to paint the house for months) showed up this afternoon with another fellow whom he recommended. I gave him the job & he is supposed to come in the morning

Nov 24, 1957

The painter came & chose & I selected a pale gray paint for the outside.

I was late getting started & didn't get home until after dark.

Nov 25, 1957.

I went & got linseed oil for the painter, fixed up the new compost pile & got it started.

I also planted 3 Lilium Speciosum album bulbs which Clara carried over from the kitchen.

Moved 3 Bergenia plants down to the front terrace where I hope they will perform better than they have up to now

Dug beets & put into autobags & put them in the cellar.

There is still one good mess of brussels sprouts in the garden, some leaf lettuce & a lot of parsnips.

Swept the front porch for Clara & then came in to the house

Nov 28, 1957

We had the whole tube out this morning for Plumbing survey. It was nice & Balmy in the morning but rained all afternoon. Coal arrived in the morning

I raked up 3 rake loads of leaves & put them in the new compost pile.

Also planted four barberry bushes

Nov 28, 1957
in front of the house left home all afternoon.

Nov 29, 1957
A beautiful day altho I didnt awaken until nearly 9 am.

Steve helped much this day. We moved the three little Hansen Bush cherries out of the garden. They had some nice suckers on them & we made six plants which we put along the top of the dike. We also moved so Flex rotundifolia & put them in patches on the far side of the pond dike. They should make a real show once they get going.

When we finished all of this & were ready to quit the mail man brot the last order from Spring Hill Nursery. The most of them were beautiful plants & we put them out.

7 Shasta Daisys in the pond terrace. We only ordered three
1 Kashgar Tamarix near top of dike
near outlet
2 Hydrangea Oakleaf over toward the dam in the woods
1 European Mountain ash } on dike
1 Golden Raintree } in regard
1 Viburnum setigerum } park
1 " dilatatum

2 Prunus maritima on the north side of the pond

I was dead when we finished but still had to get wood and we dug post holes for the fence

Nov 29, 1957 (cont)
Picked last of brussels sprouts
Carl has dug pretty well finished up
on the segment of the bottom he has
been working on. The painter was busy
& worked on east side of the house.
All Bobs had home for
dinner & then went to Jules Everett's play

NOV 30, 1957
Bruces birthday. The boys got up at
4 30 am & I told them to stay in bed
until I called them.
We drove to Mike Hudoba's & hunted
around most the day. Steve bailey
a dingy quail which he flushed in
the woods and Bruce got a rabbit on
the run late in the afternoon
It was raining hard when we left there
Carol Clara said it kept up most
the morning. It didn't rain at
Innes
We got home at 6 30 & my boys
were asleep.

Dec 1, 1957
The wind last night blew down the big
pine in front of the kitchen. It died last
summer and I had meant of taking it down
this winter. It came of its own accord
& by some miracle it hit neither the telephone
lines or the small trees & shrubs I've been
nursing along. Bob helped me get it flat
on the ground. It was a tough job but
we got it finished & I repaired Clara's
clothes line before I had to take it for
the airport to get to Chicago
left on the 2 15 plane

Dec 3, 1957

Clara met me at the airport at 3:30 but by the time I got my bag & we got home it was dark. I did get wood in for a fire

Dec 4, 1957.

Clara & I started to the doctors in a light snow. The traffic was in a terrible snarl & we didn't have a chance to get to where in time. so we went straight to Bobs & played with the children. After lunch we went to the store & got groceries for several days.

Didn't try to go home as there was a foot of snow before evening.

Peggy got to her home about 7:30 by walking from somewhere on Thunder Valley road where Burnet got stuck

Dec 6, 1957

I got to the office on the 6:45 & 6th. Left early, shopped & picked up Clara & the kids at 4:00 PM & came home. No trouble as the sun & rain had melted the snow down

It started to rain hard about dark but I got some wood for a fire anyway

Dec 7, 1957

Rained off & on all day. Difficult Run came up during the morning as the snow melted & by noon was higher than at has been any time since we put the dam in the run.

I got in wood, & during one period between showers I planted 12 Hybrandtus Robustus (Jack) bulbs on the terraces below the house.

Did some dictation while Clara was asleep The weight of the snow broke the wedgepole & the tent collapsed

Dec 8, 1957
wet & rainy all day & I did very little out of doors in the morning except to take the tent & cots into the furnace room.

After lunch we started to cut up the big pine tree that came down in a previous storm. Bob, Geo & Steve helped & we got the stuff that was in the Kelvinator cut, stored & piled. Geo cut up some branches for fire wood & Bob trimmed the rest of the tree. Splitting the stump was the worst job but we finally made it
I was tired when we finished & so was Bob.

Dec 14, 1957
I got home from ~~work~~ last night at 11:00 PM & I was tired. Waverly Tayen beat me home & Clara had the boys Ely. Also Christa.
We left about 8:30 to go to Mike Hudoba ~~dead~~ Wake Funeral with us for a while.
Steve got 2 quail & a rabbit & Bruce a rabbit and a squirrel. I shot only twice once at a rabbit that Bruce had crippled & once at a squirrel that I crippled & lost
Bruce missed one rabbit & 1 quail & Steve missed one quail & a rabbit
They shot very well & were well pleased with the days trip.

Dec 15, 1957.
I worked some on the tree above the house and got the main stem all cut, & piled also got some work done on the limbs before settles Gail, Woody & Dave & Jim got here. I went with Bob, Christ & Geo to the ground Breaking for their new church

Dec 15, 1957 cont)
in Vienna. Bruce, Steve & I dressed the game this afternoon.

Dec 17, 1957
I filled the wood box and hauled some wood to fill up the space under the balcony.
Finished sawing the stuff up from the old tree & worked up a lot of kindling.
Got the boat out of the ice today with Cuba Bros help. He is getting pretty well along with cutting the bulldozed trees & cleaning up the mess. Now I can start putting pines, cedars & dogwood down there particularly along the drainditch.

Dec 18, 1957
The boys & I left about 8:30 to go to Remington Farms. We couldn't get back to the house at Jamberlane until 8:00 PM on the 19th
Steve got 3 geese & 11 ducks. (He killed one of my limit the first day & two I Bruce. Bruce killed 6 ducks & I got seven. We had a good time but I came back with a bad cold

Dec 20, 1957
I went to office & spent the day. It rained most of the day. Sometimes very hard

Dec 21, 1957
The water was higher in the stream bottom than it has been since the double hurricane. It washed away some of my wood that Cook has been cutting, washed out some of the steps that I put in to protect the woodway from the dike to the dam & did some cutting below the dam. There is none of it serious however

Dec 24, 1957 (cont'd)
I helped the boys pack 3 geese & cleaned 14 ducks. I have had such a bad cold I haven't been worth much & slept most of the afternoon.

Dec 22, 1957
It was a beautiful day outside but my cold was worse & I ran a temperature for several days & stayed in bed all day.
Every one out for the day

Dec 23, 1957
Temperature gone but I still feel lousy & shaky. Got up long enough to go out Christmas greens for Clara, show Slim where I wanted the leaves and burn some trash. Another beautiful day which I wanted to spend outdoors

Dec 24, 1957
Felt a little better and with the boys help raked leaves & piled them over the fence for use on the blueberries. Began to sweat so quit & went to the house changed clothes and went with Clara to the office party. Felt lousy but the party was good when we got home I felt better & went to bed
Clara called Leyton who embarrassed me & then gave me a big shot of something

Dec 25, 1957
Set up & watched the kids get their presents but soon went back to bed.
Leyton came about noon & carted me off to the hospital. Said I had pneumonia & they
2 lungs

Jan 1, 1958
Spent New Years in the Doctor Hospital
Clara says there has been another flood
over the bottom since I came down here
but doesn't think it did any damage
Dr Woodson was in and said that if I don't
keep up I could go home tomorrow
Clara told me that there were 3 snowdrops out
today. They were thru the ground with buds
showing the day before Christmas
B.B. Tom Clara, Edna, Jane & the kids to
Charleston for dinner tonight
Jan 2, 1958
Clara came for me at ten but they had
not taken the X ray yet. So Dr Evans said
to dress & come to his office for it. It took
an hour & another 45 minutes to get them
I was tired & sleepy before we made it and
went to bed when I stopped until dinner time.
got up for dinner
Jan 3, 1958
slept till 8:30. Clear & cold. The Temperature
went down to 10° last night & the pond is frozen
solidly.
Jan 4 - 1958
Clear & Cold. Didn't go out of the house
at all but did some work at the desk
Jan 5, 1958
Jane & Dare came about 2:00 PM & Bob & the
Boys about 4:00 PM. Still clear & cold with
the thermometer down to 10 last night &
failing to get up to freezing at all today
Jan 6, 1958
Cash Boots was here before we were up. I sent
him to retrieving the wood scattered by the flood,
and then Cranberry woke to fix the washed place

(cont)

Jan 6 below the dam.

The painters came at noon & has been working on the house since that time.

Elda took me to Vienna at 10:30 to get a haircut which I certainly needed.

After lunch I walked down to see how Carl was doing & see what sort of a job Steve did in straightening up the trees & shrubs. He did fine & Carl is hauling rocks to fill the hole around the dam.

The doc said I could go to N.Y tomorrow

Jan 8, 1958

Clara reported that there were two Evening Grosbeaks on the window feeder on that day I've seen them in the trees + heard them flying over but this ~~was~~ is the first time were seen any at the feeder

Jan 13, 1958

Clara & I got home this afternoon, I got in wood & walked up to the garden & down to the dam.

The boys did a good job on the lawns & Carl did likewise on the hole below the dam.

~~Jan 14, 1958~~

It rained hard all day & I worked at the desk on income tax and mail I didn't feel like doing any work outside anyway

Jan 18, 1958.

It was windy with a temperature of about 30 this morning but about 9:30 I went out got wood ready for tonight, fed the birds and then went up to the garden I mixed 4 Grape vines inside the garden

Jan 18, 1958 (cont)
pens; did Librarize with 4 Boxenberries and
3 true blueberries pulling the tree later
in the row from which I took the dwarf
cherries.

Stine & I then put a few sticks / dead
wood over the pens & arranged them in be-
tween patch like I want them. Then I'll fill
in between + over them with sawdust + shavings
have a mulch that will last for years.
Began to feel shaky + came back + rested
the house at 11:00 am.

Jan 19, 1958
Thermometer down to ten again last night
& a cold raw wind all day. Didn't get out long
enough to walk down to the dam & to get
an enough wood to make a fire. Thompson
came + asked permission to go over below
the dam until they could clear the
permanent Trail & I told him to go ahead
Bill + the kid & June + Dave Lee for the
day.

Jan 21, 1958
It started to rain about 9:00 am but despite
that I went out & got some wood & scattered 50
pounds / acre on the new asparagus bed & the
parts of the garden that had not been previously
limed.
Clara & I left for Richmond about 2:00 pm
& got settled in the hotel by 5:00 pm

Jan 23, 1958
Got home at 3:00. Did a little cleaning & hung
clothes out & the garden Clara put both cars
Lee for dinner.

Jan 25, 1958
It rained an inch during the night & the water is running hard the bottom at a great rate. It is also cutting around the dam at this end.
The Boys & I cleaned up the basement this morning & Ed Brooks is cutting up some wood. Steve & I cut a few dead snags

Jan 26, 1958.
The boys went Crow hunting this morning but didn't do too well.
I replanted one Forsicia & 1 arbor vitae that the flood water washed out.
also carried some peat & put on 3 different beds that needed it & poked a lot of plants back in the ground.
Also got up wood, cleaned the trash burner & did a lot I smell so bad that house been neglected since I got sick

Jan 28, 1958
I spent a while in the morning outside getting in wood for a fire, finished cleaning up the brush from the old dead tree about the house & went down to look at the dam
It got too raw outside so I came in the house. I haven't made a bird list this year so will at least put down the things I can see at the feeding trays & four working around the place
1 Red shouldered Hawk
(2) ~~Mourning~~ Mourning Dove 13-15 every day at feeder
3 Blue Jays every other day or so
(4) Juncos are nearly every day about yard

Jan 28, 1958 cont)

(5) Flicker 1 usually below Coury
(6) Downy Woodpecker 3 every day at feeder
(7) Hairy " 1 " " " "
(8) Red bellied " a pair " " " "
(9) Pileated " one along the creek. The boys see him nearly every week end & I hear one occasionally
(10) Crow 10-20 about the valley every day
(11) Blue Jay one or two up toward garden
(12) Bluebird 2 this morning at feeding station
(13) Mockingbird 1 about house every day feeding on barberries & on dried up dogwood berries
(14) Carolina Chickadee 8-10 at feeder at intervals all day long
(15) Tufted Titmouse 6-8 at feeder all day
(16) Carolina Wren 2 " " They live in the woodpile under the balcony
(17) Cardinal 6+ every day at feeder
(18) White Throated Sparrow 6+ live in the barberries & feed at the feeding station
(19) Junco 10-12. Not nearly so many as last year any time. This winter!
(20) Song Sparrow 1-2 at station occasionally
(21) White breasted Nuthatch 3 or 4 at feeder
(22) Brown Creeper 1 or 2 to feeder regularly

Feb 1, 1958

It started to rain last night and turned to snow in the night. It snowed most all the day & I worked all day cleaning up the library. It was some mess & further to get. Jeff & Christie have been cranky all day. The older boys have been in & out & I never bothered so much.

Feb 2, 1958
Snowy & cold. The snow didn't start to melt even in exposed places until after 3 oo PM & it's drifting & piling up shrubs.
By using the metal grids & pushing we got Bobs car to the top of the hill & he made it home OK. Jim & Dave came to the top of the hill & walked in. I took my car to the top of the hill & left it & Dave & Bob helped me put chains on the Ford so Clara can get out tomorrow if she needs to do so.
I carried in a lot of wood & we have enough for all after noon & have enough up for a fire tomorrow night.
Myrtle Warbler (at the tray today a red male)
Quite other birds fairly swarmed around all day.
Feb 4-1958
I started to town at 9 oo am but found a flat tire on the car. I tried to change it but couldn't budge the lugs. So went back to the house & phoned for help. It finally came & I started to the station only to have another flat before I got there. I turned around to the station & got another wheel & tire & put it back on the car & got to the station. I had to buy one tire & it was 2 oo before I got home.
Visited Peggy's dad & helped Clara wax the floors in the halls & breakfast room. Got my own dinner as Clara had to stay with the kids tonight. Worked at the desk in the evening. It is certainly quiet around here

Feb 6, 1958
at home all day. Bruce & I cleared a bet of old & tall alder hoping that when it grew back we might attract more woodpeckers. We have had a few occasionally & we hope to get more.
~~Aft~~ afternoon I slept a while & then worked at desk.

Feb 7, 1958
Rained or snowed most of the day. Went to town & saw Dr Hayne from Belgian Congo.
Two bright males & 1 ♀ Purple Finch at the feeding station. First this year.
Yesterday I planted the Crotalaria seed that Steve & I got on the Caribbean - Hall Cumberwood from where that is always so colorful also Penstemon grandiflorus seed

Feb 8, 1958
Cold & windy. We tried to make a bird census on the place but could see few birds except those around the house.
We saw the following
1. Turkey Buzzard 2
2. Red bellied Woodpecker 2
3. Downy " 1
4. Downy " 3
5. Mourning Dov + 2
6. Carolina Wren 2
7. Mockingbird 1
8. Bluebird 4
9. Robin 5
10. Brown Creeper 2
11. Carolina Chickadee 6+
12. Tufted Titmouse 6+
13. White breasted Nuthatch 2
14. Crow 2
15. Cardinal 6+
16. Purple Finch 4 or + 3 ♀ at feeder
17. Junco 10+
18. White Throated Sparrow
19. Song Sparrow 2
20. Starling 1
Later in the day there were 15 mourning doves at the feed station
Also 4 Downies at once the first time
2 + over again next
Then 3 at once

Feb 8, 1958 (cont)

This afternoon Steve & I transplanted about 10 holute pines. They included about 5 that he had dug & planted around the Crow blind. They didnt have very good roots & I doubt that they will live However I'll go up & trim them back tomorrow & hope for the best.

Also planted 1 pkt. Red lettuce seed, 1/2 Early Jersey Wakefield & 1/2 Savoy Cabbage & put them in the hot bed. Saved seed of each for a later planting

Feb 9, 1958

Cold & windy & my out door activity was limited to getting in wood, feeding the birds etc

Gail & Lew Lord & BJ & the children all here for the day.

Feb 12, 1958

I stayed at home. Cash & Ed Brooks both came back and started working on the big tree down by the old mill race.

I went & got a hair cut & also brot home 100 pounds each of cotton seed meal & Bone meal & put them on the garden. It was dusty nasty job & Im glad its over. I also used Cottonseed meal for the berries.

Also trimmed a little brush & carried wood

Feb 13, 1958

Cold & windy. Young came with a load of dirt for a temporary repair job on the dam. It wasnt enough so he is to bring another load & some stone tomorrow Cash & Ed have nearly finished the big tree

Feb 14, 1958
I went to town & got back home at 5:00 PM
Clara was here with the boys & Christie & I went
down to watch them skate. We pitched up
& piled the wood the men had split. I carried
Christie up from the pond & felt the result all
evening. Bob got here at midnight.
Feb 15, 1958
Mom for
After predicting snow all the week the
weather bureau finally made the grade
Steve & I got aboard up on the front porch
& I filled the woodbox with kindling yesterday
We cut up & laid flat the remaining
topped brush between here & the garden.
I went to Alston about 2:00 and had no
trouble. Got screws & hinges for a couple
bird boxes & some bread. Chimney Lane
I had to wait in Alsens drive while the
truck on Vale road straighten out. The
road was getting slippery & 4 cars were
stuck behind one in the ditch.
I made two bird boxes & have a start
on two more. Jill make them for the
swallows & put them down by the pond
It has snowed steadily since 10:00 am
& there must be 10 inches of snow now
Young finish the repairs on the dam
yesterday while I was in town.
Both Bob & I left our cars at the top
of the hill today.
Feb 16, 1958
It quit snowing sometime in the night
and is cold & windy with the snow drifting
badly. There was 17 inches of snow on the
picnic table this morning and the radio

Feb 16, 1958 Cont.
said Fairfax County had that much which was the maximum reported for this storm.
Stew shovelled the front walks & the bird feeding place & the birds have finely swarmed
Ever this morning.
Jeff & I shovelled out the garage area enough to get the Ford turned around. Boy put the chains on at which we did Thus.
I built two bird houses this morning one which makes four in the last two days.

Feb 17, 1958
Down to 8 above last night & wind still blowing strongly. Radio reports bad to impassable roads even on major highways
2 Evening Grosbeaks early came to the shelf this morning
A Hermit Thrush was in Mrs Vanderries today

Feb 18, 1958
Still windy & cold. Snow blowing badly
Bob, Stew & I shovelled out the driveway
3 evening grosbeaks
2 Blue Jay
1 Hermit Thrush
} at feeder in addition to our regular customers
The Vienna Fire dept came in and sold milk, eggs, hamburgers etc for us. I gave them a check for 25.00 plus the grocery money.
Kris & the boys are out sliding this afternoon
Later this afternoon two buglet red male Evening Grosbeaks joined the three already present.

Feb 19, 1958

Clara + I got out with the Ford + chains but had to wait for a half hour or more on the hill to Dalton while a bulldozer + bucket loader worked on a big drift.

Shovelled more snow on road + drive

Feb 20, 1958

Got Bobs car started + in afternoon drove it out to Vienna to get the battery charged.

Took all the birds with me. Just as I left ~~Feb 21, 1958~~ and I had the road cleared a bulldozer + bucket loader came along + plowed out the road.

Feb 21, 1958.

I went to the Office for the first time today since last Friday. Didn't get home until 7 30 PM Since I went to the A I BA party

Feb 22, 1958

Snow going down rapidly. I put out a sack Cottonseed meal + most of a sack of bone meal on the terraces below the house. I still have a little bone meal to put out to finish the job down there. Wind got so bad I left at 2 it was nasty to try to finish. Will do so tomorrow

Feb 23, 1958

I finished fertilizing the terraces + also with Stephens Gulf the beds around the house. I also fertilized with Cottonseed meal all rhododendrons + azaleas except those away from the upper garden path around the road + those on the slope below the house. Will do those when the snow is gone

Also Glen, Bruce + I cut some dead stuff below the cold frames + burned out some brush from + Dont Laz. By the ~~time~~ I had burned 6 30

Feb 26, 1958
We've had several nice spring like days but I've been in town every day. The ground is still frozen hard despite 80 inches of rain yesterday afternoon & during the night.
Today I've felt lousy and haven't done anything but 1 dishes. Carl & Ed are working up in the garden.
Feb 27, 1958
We got ready & drove to Quincy to take the plane to St Louis when I got so sick I just couldn't make it. I felt like a fool but we finally came home & went to bed
Feb 28, 1958
Went to doctor this morning & he said my trouble was digitalis intoxication. I've been taking it since May.
Came home & went to bed! Stopped taking digitalis & started something else
Mar 1, 1958
Feel much better this morning & we plan to take the 6:15 Plane tonight
20 + 1 9 or young Evening Grosbeak & 1 Myrtle Warbler on feed tray is something this early
I heard the Evening Grosbeaks all the time while I was out I does. It was windy & raw & I didn't stay out long
I hauled three or four loads of rocks and filled the holes in the drive way where it crosses the culverts.
Buy 25 bales for Rhododendron mulch plants that I've ordered
Clara & I walked about the place a bit & found we needed 150 ft more / no 9 wire to wire up the berries

March 1, 1958 cont'd
After lunch I went out & mixed some soil & sowed the following in pots in the hotbed

Tomato Moreton Hybrid
Sweet Banana Pepper
California Wonder "
Gentiana Saponeebriana
Campanula Cochlearifolia
Scabiosa annua
Clerodendrum trichotomum
Adenophora lilifolia

Mar 7, 1958
We got back at midnight last night tired out from the Conference & the trip to St Louis.
I had a dentist appointment so went to town but was too dopey to do much so came home early & repaired the drive. I expected to go over to Timberlane but Clara had the beds before I got started. So we ate here.
Bob got here about 11 o'clock Run.

March 8, 1958
Bruce helped me this morning for 3 hours we dug the parsnips, did some work on the drive & put up three bird boxes along the ditch which we hope will be used by tree swallows or bluebirds.
We also dug & planted down along the drain & the trail to the creek about 20 small flowering dogwoods. They were too thick to grow where they were & I hope thinning them out will help.
Fertilized most of the azaleas & Camellias & helped Peggy lay out an asparagus bed

March 9, 1958

Steve worked with me 4½ hours and Bruce 2½ today.

We fertilized the blueberries & raspberries
Moved about 25 little white pines down on slope below the holley gate
Put 5 or 6 more dogwoods along drain ditch
" rest of weed compost down the bank on flower beds
Moved Saracenias to pond shore.
Trimmed out dead stuff & some broken trees below the house & septic field.

We had about 25+ Evening Grosbeaks

Here this morning
Fox Sparrows } most of season
Song " } more than usual
Cardinals 26+
all other birds about same

Steve saw three Coyotes this morning.

March 16, 1958

I got home from Columbus yest. before dark last night & got in wood for a fire.
This morning did naturally for cold frame & last bed. Got in wood & dotted over the rocks Cash & Ed did on the bottom.
We all went in Bobs car up to Shawmidak & looked over plans for the unit of two motel apts that are being proposed.
Came back & carried up the wood that Steve Bruce & I cut last week & cut some posts for the pen for some ducks and then came on the house

March 16, 1958

Steve saw a red breasted Nuthatch at the suet yesterday - the first in two years
5 Evening grosbeaks in the trees & Steve saw 8 fly over.

March 17, 1958

I planted a package of California Poppy seed on the lower slope & a package of Portulaca on the dike.

Put about 10 ferns in the walls below the house. These are the ones Steve got off the wall of the old furnace at Shenandale.

March 18, 1958

Stayed at home & transplanted
1 Head Lettuce
Savoy Cabbage
Early Jersey Wakefield Cabbage
also planted seeds
Eryngium mixed } in seed box
Viola pedatifida }
Veronica repens
Chrysanthus fragrans
Arenaria fruticosa
Cocculus moelis
Nothoscordum campanulatum } in pots
Anchusa myosotidiflora } in cold bed
Cortaderia argentea
Libertia formosa
Parochetus communis
Spartium junceum
Genista tinctoria
Cytisus albus Whub gem
& monspessulanus

First Yellow dutch crocus out.
Trimmed a little brush

March 18, 1958 (cont)

2 Evening Grosbeaks on shelf
2 Fox Sparrows
1 Song "
2 Red breasted Nuthatches } These in addition to regular wintering birds

It started to rain about 3 oc PM & I came in the house & went to work at the desk.

Mar 19, 1958

It rained all night last night & today until about 2 oc PM when it started to snow. There is several inches of snow on the ground now and there is still a drizzle of rain & snow mixed. Clara went to town with me that morning but we couldnt get out now without chains but we had no trouble getting in.

Mar 20, 1957

When we wakened this morning there was at least a foot of wet heavy snow on the ground & it was still snowing. One dogwood down by the dock, the big tamarack in our vista & a big pine below the house are broken clear off. Several oaks & maples among the smaller trees are bent over and may be broken.

after dinner I put chains on the ford & Clara & I started out. There were six trees down across the road. I got five cut out and we got going again but after I cut the sixth one we had no luck. I worked until I was all in but it was no use. Clara finally went to phone to Timberlane & after I rested we got Mr Moore who had a car with chains to get us to the

March 20, 1957 (Cont)
Store & over there. Margaret was having a terrible time with the house full of neighbor kids. We came back home getting here at six & did nothing but carry wood feed the birds & get ready to melt for water. We have had enough to cook with & to drink. Power has been off since 3:30 this morning & the telephone is dead.

Mar 21, 1958.
Still no power. We got breakfast in the fireplace & cleaned up. Got Bob & Carl Jones to get in more wood & packed in more snow. Woody came slogging down the road just before lunch bringing the gasoline & some gasoline. He had lunch with us & then he & I packed up the car, put some chunks of wood under it & got it out. Clara came up just as we got it done & we went immediately & then over to Bobs. We chased a cat out of a neighbor kids out. Clara stayed there & Steve & I came home about 6:00 & got dinner here.

First Tree Sparrow at feeding station

Mar 22, 1958
Steve & I got up about 6:30 am, got breakfast and then fed the birds & got in wood for today and tomorrow. Steve greased our shoes while I got breakfast.
We then went up to the car parked in Alden drive & called Clara & then with Thornton Burnett's help we shoveled a place for the two cars. I drove Peggy, Steve & Burnett to his car and they went after Clara. I came back

March 24, 1958 (cont)

& shovelled more snow & also got the trac out of the 'road' so I couldn't have to get in the holes we made when the ford bogged down.

By that time I was so tired that I went back to the car & read the morning paper until Clara came. We then drove the ford home & had lunch.

After lunch I shovelled a little more the hill between the new tracks & then drove back & drove the ford to the top of the hill. I had to make a place to park. By running the car back & forth but had to do some shovelling. By the time I was done I was dry in. I sat in the car a while & then went to Peggy's & gave her the car keys.

She will drive the ford (with Chains) to Vale road & then drive Burnett's car to meet her sister & family who are coming in from Seattle on a 9:30 plane.

She & one of the girls until sleep they & God knows how she will feed them all cooking on a fireplace but that is her problem.

I came home & opened the bundle from Gardens of the Blue Ridge & put the rhododendrons in a bucket of water. The tops looked wonderful. The other plants are just sorts packing so were wrapped in cellophane & I left them in the box. I was all in & came in, had a drink & took a nap I don't intend to do anything more today.

The current came on at 10:30 PM after being off for about 67 hours. Still no telephone.

March 23, 1958

After I fed the birds, watered the hot beds & cold frame & drove the Ford up to Absens & planted BJ that we now had permit & unrolled them out. Also asked them to phone Gail & June to tell them we were O K.

I transplanted some seedlings

~~Formosa~~ Malvonia fremonti very delicate look too healthy

Gaultheria ovalifolia. Nice little plants Put them into separate pots & put in the hot bed after dark. Everything in hot bed OK & tomatoes & peppers coming up Shoveled snow off the walks & under clothes line.

Went up to get BJ & Ric birds but they met half way there before I met them June & Dave walked in just about dinner time but we had enough for everyone.

Loafed & visited with them this afternoon & took June & Dave back to end of Red Road and later BJ & Chi. birds when they were ready to leave.

The snow melted a great deal today but the weather map shows another storm headed this way. I surely hope it is rain rather than snow.

Peggy & me) Ben meets here to sleep tonight

March 24, 1958

It froze hard last night and slowed down the melting of the snow. However the temperature went up again enough so that at 3 P.M. I could find the holes I dug for the 23 Rhododendron maximum that I ordered from Jenkins the Blue Ridge. I marked from 3 to 6 3rd

March 24, 1958 cont)
putting them in & I was plenty tired standing on a snow covered hillside.
Clara went to town with me this morning & the Dr said she had arthritis in her hands. He gave her a medical routine to follow which he hopes will clear it up
A male Cowbird at Stalun Trfay
Evening grosbeaks
Fox Sparrow
Purple Finches } all here in addition to our regulars under parkhandles

Mar 25, 1958
I got in wood & planted
1 Acorus Calamus in Sitas garden
1 Chelone Lyoni " " " "
1 " " " " on south end of jany
10 Lodocathean media in bottom terrace
Went to town & didn't get home until 7:00 PM
Chipmunks out this morning

Mar 26, 1958
Planted 2 Caulophyllum thalictroides
2 Stenanthium robustum
10 Cimicifuga americana
all up by garden trail
Went to town, lunch with Ross Leffler & Peterson asst Sec of Agriculture
Ears much better as a result of new medicine
March 27, 1958. (Stayed at home working at desk. all day

March 28, 1958
Dick & Ed Brooks both showed up today & I just had them clean the trees out of big row & then cut down & cut up the trees that were broken off by the storm as well as several pines that Lois died.

March 29, 1958

Carl & I repaired the big Terrace wall that slid out from too much moisture & I replanted the plants in the wall as we repaired it. Ed worked at the trees while we did that. It took until lunch.

After lunch I took a seedling Buddlea + 2 from up by the garden to put them down on the drive; also moved a dwarf Cherry + a Lonicera tatarica down on the drive. I also brot 2 Cytisus ~~fulgens~~ seedlings out along the drive & 2 Cytisus scoparius acros on Peggy's bank.

Put out some mouse poison both on the slope + on the garden

Also planted 4 Kalanchoe dwarf in pots. They were ordered way last fall but the outfit was out & they only came today. They had obviously been in a hot house so I brot them in the house Carl cut stakes & tied up the 6 Scotch Brooms down the slope that the snow had dipped over.

I had to take Christie down to the dock to know rocks in the water. She played a long time & then decided she was tired & wanted to go up to the house.

Steve came in tonight bringing a Rusty Blackbird the first for this place He said there were about 25 of them

Evening Grosbeaks still Quite Busy & Crowded at feeding Station Heard Song & Fox Sparrows but about as many Juncos as ever Ravished minimus in flower today

March 30, 1958

The boys & I fixed the boat today, cut the broken tops out of a plum & our sole red bud tree & fixed a little pear tree that had been tipped over by a broken maple limb. Lots of broken maples down by the road & one badly broken cherry.

We also cleaned up a few leaves around the batches under bird stand & I cut some brush on the slope at the south end of the "lake".

Last night Steve collected a Rusty blackbird out of a bunch along the run. We saw

200 + Canada geese

and we all saw large flocks of blackbirds heading north. They passed at intervals all morning.

It started to rain about noon & has been at it more or less steadily all day. It has been raining quite hard tonight.

Made up a Cardinal & a Rusty Blackbird this afternoon. Steve donated a Cowbird & Bobby made one up as a shrike both males.

April 2, 1958

The Forest Keeper, Nursery Order came yesterday & I went out with a tree planter & planted this morning.

I went to Dalton night the 4-H garden seed fund and got some seed & fertilizer for the grass at the dairy and some seed to seed the bare spots where it gets caught in the

April 2, 1958 cont

2 planted 2 Mahonia aquifolium along garden here
1 Lonicera fragrantissima " road
(all need plants) 2 " " on north drive
2 Dwarf Red winged Euonymus " "
1 Purple leaved filbert " "

Moved a number of French sorts salad plants up to the Garden.

Dug 25 holes for Red raspberries & 3 for Sage plants ordered

Dug out of this along the road & put back many frost heaved plants on the lower terrace.

also fertilized grass on north of drive

Took limits (outside) drive

& did many small chores around the flower beds

Lots of Crocus out Today blue - purple, white & yellow dutch crocus.

Species Chrysanthus & varieties are named also still blooming the Grey are past their best.

February gold Narcissus many blooms

" minimus " flowers

King Alfred almost open

First flowers of Scilla Siberica completely open

Chionodoxa nearly all - Many bees coming from the ground & lots of honey bees.

Evening Grackles about all day

Fly Sparrows Chimney

much fewer finches & white throated Sparrows & Song sparrows

The mourning doves must have made nest on ledge in wood garage over bridal Creek duct set up first by male—

April 2, 1958 (cont'd)
Purple Finches in full song all around
Cardinals still singing only occasionally

April 3, 1958
Evening Grosbeaks | Both here this
I-4 Sparrows | am
Went to town. Came home & mowed two
Rosemary plants up to the garden & put some
more Scotch Broom over on Roy Jr's bank
Put grass seed on bare spot on the bank
April 4, 1958
The boys & I went to Patrizani's & got
several plants, looked at bricks, talked with
nelsen & looked at Wheeling property
Steve & Bruce caught 15 Bass & 1
Blue gill out of the farm pond.
I had to forget the fish all the way home
& set them on the bank to come from
New York are 6:01 time. I was hungry
when I got here.
April 5, 1958
I had a big day today getting many little
things done.
2 planted
1 Azalea viscosa on island in old channel
1 "
2 Magnolia virginiana
1 Lyonia mariana Sweet bells
1 Clethra alnifolia
Steve planted a N Sulphur water lily
Spatter dock in old channel
2 Iris versicolor on the island
Put tree paint on several trees that were
injured in storm
We put up two wood ducks nest boxes

(April 5, 1958 cont'd)

Steve & I planted 2½# of onion sets
We went on to Peggy's & helped Irene
up her broken trolley & trimmed the cuts
Went & got clara an Easter Lily, some
lemon & a few groceries
Tree Cardinal chorus
Evening Grosbeaks & Fox Sparrows still here

One Iris reticulata out today
several Narcissus King alfred
Chionodoxa many
Scilla sibirica "
Big show / Dutch" Crocus
Muscari comosum
Skunk Cabbage, Erythronium, Viola pedata
may apple, Spring Beauty all show the ground
Buds & Spice Bush ready to break open.

April 6, 1958
It has rained off and on all morning but
seems to be clearing off at noon.
Between showers Steve & I dug holes
& marked them for the steps still to come.
3 Mammoth Skyr (in garden
3 Sprengeri Plumbergia (west end of garden
12 Horse Radish - North & west " " "
2 Hypericum kalmiana) edge of woods
2 " kalmiana) near way
1 Cornus masculata by other one)
6 Rugi mums in front) Lawn
3 Viburnum plicatum) in slope
3 Salix Caprea) north side &
1 Acer saccharum) north side
2 Viburnum Lantanum) north of north side
3 Butternut trees by others

April 6, 1958 (cont'd)
We transplanted 22 Tomato plants into individual pots
Planted Following seeds into pots + put in the hot bed.
Statice gmelini
Linaria alpina
Belmacandy Arabis hybrids
Trollius ledebouri Golden Queen
Platycodon Grandiflorum Mariesii
Liatris spicata
Anethum Trichrolyx
Eroplyllum lanatum
Zauschneria californica
The sun came out for part of the afternoon but it was too wet to do much & I visited with Jim Dan etc

April 12, 1958
Got home from Des Moines at 11 00 last night. Dick & Norton Speer here.
Clara had planted from the order that came from Spring Hill nurseries
6 Fuji mums in front of house
1 Cornus mas
2 Hypericum kenryi } all up toward the
2 " kalmianum } garden
3 Spiraea thunbergii
12 horse radish roots where grapes had been
3 Mammoth Sorrel } in garden
25 Red Raspberries }
I planted the balance of the order this morning. All down on the bottom
3 Butternut over by road at back of lot

April 12, 1945 (cont)

2 Hydranga Oak leaf
2 Viburnum lantana
3 Salix Caprica
} on north drive or west at base of ct. 2 died

3 Viburnum rhytidiphyllum done pond terrace
Ouch Cod died

3 Lycoris sanguinea above pond below
Flu down today

All were nice plants except the Viburnum rhytidophyllum which were small.
I also planted head lettuce & cabbage plants out into the cold frame.
Put peat around some plants above the terrace & on the repaired place in the big garden wall.
In the afternoon I put out
30 Campanula pyramidalis above wall above pond terrace. Snails got them
1 Pot of Polemonium reptans
Replanted a few of the horse radish plants & put leaves on the fence to mulch the raspberries that Clara planted
Pots of Narcissus out - only yellows
Crocus mostly out
Chionodoxa & Scilla sibirica both in full bloom.
Rhododendron mucronulatum has some flowers on a small plant. they are very nice & Clara likes them
a red lungwort is in bloom.
First Hepatica blossoms open on one plant but most of them not even up yet.
Lots of plants thru the ground:
garl & Woody & bird hemlock dumm

April 13, 1958.

I got up at 7 ~ and wrote & put out some labels, got wood up for the fireplace & cleaned out the trash burner before Clara called me to come in & set the table. It was bright but there was a brisk raw wind that made my fingers tingle before I came in.

I more 18 Mountain Laurels into the gully that starts at the path to Bob's lot & put four more White Pines in the little gully in hopes to catch fresh on the brow of the hill.

Cleared some of the dead & dying limbs around the Pines then released a lot of the azaleas & dogwoods that are there Planted

Mimulus lewisii seeds on old pond
Water Cress in outlet to pond.

Cut lumber for the tent frame but found I didn't have any spikes to put it up.
Went over & stated out the line for the hundred Scotch Broom at the swimming pool.
Tired by night.

April 14, 1958

I went to Carleton & got some nails & Dick & I put up the tent frame. It is ready now.

It took all the morning. While we were working at it Bob came in with Christie (Margaret Lindsay Connie). She made me take her down to the pond & while we were there Clara called us for lunch at noon the Express Office called

April 14, 1958 (cont)
and the shipment of brooms for the community were there. I planted the 10 Eighteen Fattenders that I ordered, putting two out on the sunny end of the drive and the balance on the slope near & below the scotch brooms. There were nice plants with good roots & I hope they live.
Also planted 4 Nandina domes on the north side. Took down to the side & the dam.
I started for the garden to start planting seeds and found a great pile of manure so I decided to wait until I get some spread. I was too tired to carry it today in the 70° weather, so I cut a mess of dandelion greens before quitting
Tulipa kaufmanniana
Prunus japonica
Forsythia
all in bloom for the first time

Evening Grosbeaks here today about 20 plus

April 16, 1958
Stayed home all day. After morning chores were done I started to haul manure & put it on the garden. I covered Martha & Dorys old garden & about two thirds of the strip next to the raspberries before the day was over.
Planted - peas, parsnips, beets carrots turnips, radishes, spinach, cabbage & Ruby Leaf lettuce, dill, parsley, mustard, kohl rabi & turnips. This is the latest I've ever been getting in the early garden

April 16, 1958 (cont)
but I'm glad I waited with every thing but the onion sets since it is so much easier to put the mulch on and spread it with the rake than it is to do it by hand between the rows.

A man came along selling nursery plants dug from the hills & I got 4 Rhododendron catabiense & 3 Azalea calendulacea from him & put them along below the septic field. Turned out to be mid-season

Tired as hell tonight but I feel much better about the garden than I have for a long time. at least the seeds are in the ground.

(Pine Warbler)
(Myrtle ") at feeding station

April 17, 1958
Ed Burke came back today & I put him to work on the sawdust
when I got home from the P.O. I planted two rows of Solsbury & set out the early Jersey Wakefield Cabbage plants I raised.

10 Towhee at feeding station

April 18, 1958
Went to P.O. this morning but returned early & planted 4 Campanulas on slope
Put out Savoy cabbage
Head lettuce plants)
Pulled some weeds & planted 2 —
Iris that Steve brot me.
He also brot some Yucca that I will plant tomorrow - Tired as hell tonight

April 18, 1958 cont'd)
Erythroniums & Spring beauties are out on the stream overflow lands.
Hepatica, Blood root, many lands)
Narcissus — all Hyacinths & all Dwarf small bulbs except snow drops are still in bloom
Stuff coming fast in this warm weather
Ed Brotherton ran out & sawdust & put in some time on the hood on the bottoms this afternoon.
Northern Waterthrush & Louisiana Redstart
First picnic of the year with the Buds

April 19, 1958
I went over to the pool at 8:00 am & worked with Ned, Mrs Ned & Mrs Dever planting 100 scotch Brooms & some other things around the pool. It was hot & humid & wet & I was all in when I came home.
This afternoon I transplanted peppers into individual pots, put my azalea cuttings out & made up more potting soil.
When Steven came he brot a number of Vinca minor which we planted on the bank up toward Theis line
We planted a number of Yucca, on Dr's & Jeff's peach tree down on the lower slope. Spring Beauty — Blue Violets
Prunus pissardi
Cellis paliastris
Mertensia Virginica
Erythronium
Pulsatilla (anemone)
Limonium
Jap Cherry
Bloodroot
} all in bloom today. Plants have come so fast I'm putting in pictures

April 19, 1958
Clara Bob Slim, Bruce & Christa ant
+ we broiled steaks on the grill for our second
picnic of the year.

April 20, 1958
Clara's birthday + Bob + the boys gave her
some new dishes.
Slim + Bruce helped mall morning
we took grass out of the flower beds + put
the tufts on the dish in strategic places
Took two little dogwood over to swimming
pool + put them at corners of the pool.
Put cottonseed meal on garden
Slim + Bruce hunt into huge plant
of yucca from somewhere up in the
woods + about 40 Narcissus bulbs
* Studebaker came out + brot some
papers for me to read. He + Bob + his wife
+ they went down to look at the dam
+ pond.
Later Don Jamison + his wife came
+ got some dogwoods.
Slim + I went for a bird walk
this morning
Saw the regular standbys + tried
any new call this time plus
Field Sparrow
Swamp "
Thrush many new arrivals
Blue Gray Gnat-Catcher
Black + White Warbler
Northern Waterthrush
Confederate Violets (Viola priceii, + they
robert + Viola rotundifolia all out
today. Lots of other things in full

April 20, 1958 (cont'd)
Room that I am had only a few plants open before.
Trillium cylvestris open today.
Hot & muggy with a brief thunderstorm about 4 PM.
I pushed out at noon & went to sleep.

April 21, 1958
I took Peggy's dad out with me this morning. He had four teeth pulled & a foot plate from last about 2:30. It was a good thing I did since I found the water lilies and Rhododendrons from Brooks here.
I also brot a little pot full of rubber grass that Bess sent me & put it out in front of the house.
The Rhododendrons were five plants & were put out in the bed Stephen Bruce & I had previously dug for them. This were unnamed hybrids.
Shasta waterlilies were also nice we planted in the north end of the pond where we could see them from the house this following Sunday
Sunrise yellow
Attraction red
Odorata gigantea white)
Rose Arey pink & fragrant
It started to rain
We also put in Steve's garden
1 Pickerel weed
2 water poppy (Hydrocleis nymphoides) a bog plant species which will have to be carried over winter in the basement
We had just finished planting

April 21, 1958 (cont)
when it started to rain hard & we all got wet coming up the hill.
Steve planted 70 more Vinca minor up along the road slope. He brot them from home somewhere.
He is developing a real interest in plants & in gardening.

April 26, 1958
Clara & I got home from Wheeling W. Va at midnight. We drove hard but had a flat tire & were an hour & a half late for dinner at Ed. Grahams. They were waiting patiently for us. Clara phoned them from Hancock while I was getting a new tire.
The track man had been his with a load of sawdust. Mr Wagner said he broke down & that his truck sat there several days
I put out the rest of the head lettuce plants +3 rows of leaf lettuce, 4 rows of soy bean +3 rows of green beans.
I then went to work carrying sawdust & hauling it. I did about half of the upper garden & when Steve came he helped me finish. I was dead tired & glad to quit

April 27, 1958
It started to rain during the night but I nailed windows anyway while Steve brushed the screens & Bob put them up
We dug some of the asters full ones, divided & replanted some & put the rest in Steves garden
Steve set out the heather cuttings above the house & put the saponaria cuttings & the Helianthemums cuttings below the drive on the outer wall

April 27, 1958 (cont'd)
While he was doing that I transplanted
24 Parochialis commungis seedlings into
pots & 16 Aconitum napellus seedlings.
We also put the cyclamen seedlings
on the lower slope with the others.
By the time I planted 2 confederate
violets up along the garden trash pit
was 2/3 filled & I was ready to quit.
Bruce worked a couple of trips shifting
dirt for me & did keep to the path
fairly. The Juncos still at feeder.
Evening grosbeaks still here
Lots of white throated Sparrows
Iris pumila & blooms
Viburnum burkwoodi } several blossoms
Again rudifera few blossoms in expand play
Rained all afternoon.
Rhodora in bloom today.

April 28, 1958
It rained all night & there is water over
much of the creek bottom this morning
I put stuff (chicken wire) along the fences
under the legs & hope it kills all the
mice.

May 2, 1958
I got home from town last night at
midnight. Tulips look good here & Claire &
pulled onions & picked the asparagus this
morning.
after I got home I put out some grass
seed & pulled a lot of weeds.
I planted 15 primulas that came from
Barbara & they all seemed to be
P Japonica types.

May 2, 1958
Lots of flowers out & buds they
-Scarlet Tanager
-White eyed Vireo
-Red eyed "
-Parula Warbler
-Black Throated Green Warbler
-Ruby Throated Hummer
Cash Boots has been here 3½ days this week but I don't know how long Ed was here
Things put out all the saw dust and finished cutting wood. I put Ed to work today cleaning out along the Evergreen Blackberries.

These among the many today that I hadn't seen before I left

May 3, 1958
Bruce & I planted 4 more Saponaria ocymoides & a number of Cerastium tomentosum along the lower slope.
Later in the day I took about 6 Adenophora lilifolia seedlings & put them down by the Campanula garganica plants

We also planted more kohl rabi and put out four rows of lima beans. We planted 20 tomato plants that I raised from seed
Bruce planted two packets of blooming Nasturtium seeds in front of the Evergreens & I put in the Cypress vine at the end of the Evergreen planting.
I went to the Shad bake at Plumers Island & had a good time. Got home at four bringing two plants of Phlox drummondii & 2 of Pansies. Things looked better when I got home than they ever had before & I hope they grow
put them both down on the bottom

May 3, 1958 (Cont)
Steve + I planted about 25 grape ivy cuttings + about 8 Spiraea bushes. We had put all them in the woods but we moved two down + put them on the dike.
Camassia, Dodecatheon media, Hopa crab, and a bright red one are in bloom. Violets all over the place + several kinds are out + a few Auriculas also some of the small lilacs are in bloom.
Wood Thrush
Md Yellowthroat
Black + White Warbler } saw first ones today
a lot } Evening grosbeaks were around the place all day.

May 4, 1958
Steve + I went on a bird hike even tho it was hot + muggy. Got back about 8 30
Saw the following
(1) Turkey Buzzard (soar)
(2) Red shouldered Hawk 2
(3) Bob White 9
(4) Phoebe 4
(5) Acadian Flycatcher 3 (call 2)
(6) Downy Woodpecker 4
(7) Hairy " 1
(8) Red Headed " 1
(9) Crow 2
(10) Mourning Dove 6
(11) Blue Jay 2 or 3
(12) Barn Swallow 1
(13) Tree " 1
(14) Chimney Swift 2
(15) Tufted Tit 4
(16) Carolina Chickadee 1
(17) House Wren 1
(18) Carolina " 2
(19) Catbird 2
(20) Brown Thrasher 2
(21) Mockingbird 1
(22) Bluebird 1
(23) Robin 6
(24) Scarlet Tanager 3 or 4
(25) Red eyed Vireo 6
(26) White " " 4 or 6
(27) Parula Warbler 3
(28) Prairie " 1 (Call)
(29) Redstart 2
(30) Hooded Warbler 2
(31) N. Water Thrush 1

May 4, 1958 (cont) — (43) Common Yellowthroat

(32) Rhd. Yellowthroat (Ser)
(33) Yellow headed Chat C
(34) White breasted Nuthatch 1
(35) Purple Finch (Crowned) Purple Finch
(36) Cowbird (Ser)
(37) Evening Grosbeak C
(38) Cardinal (Co)
(39) White throated Sparrow 10+
(40) Field Sparrow
(41) Indigo Bunting 10+
(42) Song Sparrow 1

After breakfast we put some white roots up along the drive & some more Confederate violets in the bed up along the garden trail we moved 8 Veronica longifolia over into Steves garden.

Steve Bruce & I cut down an old mulberry that was half dead & piled the brush up out of the way. I pulled weeds in various places but mostly in the creek bottom.

Neither the Indigofera nor the Indigo (Goat Rue) seedlings that I put out last fall have come up altho about 1/2 the smaller Arctic ones are up & growing

June & Dave here at 1:30. and Gail Landon came to talk to them about Dave's trouble with his ear. They are going to get rid of the cat & not have it when he can get at it. He has already talked to B of about fencing chickens & keeps he does it

May 6, 1958

It rained off & on all day yesterday & is still raining at noon today. There was nearly an inch measured on the rain gauge at 8 a.m today.

I brot down from the garden, rhubarb, green onions & asparagus & Radishes will soon be big enough to eat.

I moved 3 Anisonia tatsienensis down the hill where they will get a little more light & moisture.

Also planted out a nice pot full seedlings of Paradisea liliastrum

I didnt separate every seedling as I found I broke too many roots. I therefore put them in little bunches.

Put in pots Anemone trifolia x seedlings & transplanted a whole flat of Viola pedatifida. Also put out a few small seedlings down on the slope where they will get full sun. in the afternoon.

After lunch I went out & stopped at Meredith Capps & got a few plants

12 Quaq Scarlet Sage - to ~~plant~~ attract the Hummers on slope 4.

2 Hex Cornuta burfordi - 2 replace those the rabbits ate up

1 White Platycodon which I planted close to the pink one.

2 Coreopsis - planted on terraces.

1 - Euphorbia amygdaloides in full sun lowest terrace

2 - Armeria tall
2. Statice Sahfolia
1 Campanula Carpatica

} all on lowest terrace

May 6, 1958 (Cont'd)
1 Geum double yellow lower terrace
1 Campanula persicafolia Telham Beau
pink garden terrace
2 —
1 — Tritoma (a lower terrace)
It rained a slow drizzle while I
was doing this.
Tonight Peggy brot a big bundle
of nursery stock from S. Dakota which
I haven't opened yet.
Summer Tanager by Pre today
Black throated green Warbler
Evening grosbeaks still here in big
numbers.

May 7, 1958
Still Raining and rain gauge shows
1.76 inches at 8 a.m.
I opened the package from S. Dak &
found 50 Spruce, 50 Buffalo Berry, 50
Honey locust, 50 Sand cherry & 50 Cotoneaster
May 8, 1958
Got home from Chicago about 10 a.m. last night
got up before 6 a.m. & redrafted & edited the talk
for Colorado Springs
Planted another pound of onion sets
Put out about a dozen Sandcherries (Prunus pumila) about the same number
of Buffalo berry about 6 or 8 Cotoneaster
and a half dozen Spruce. Heeled
the balance in for the Community to
use.
Peggy retypes the MS and I go
at a final editing before 8 o'clock PT.
with it.

May 9, 1958 cont

Azalea nudiflora at its height; Prunus Malus ioensis out and one Autumn King. Iris. Iris cristata also out.

Creamy Gaskets still Cry
White Crowded Sparrow.
Lots of Myrtle Warblers today
Crested Flycatcher Cries for first time
Pileated Woodpecker on tree below the
cold frame this afternoon

May 17, 1958

I got home at 9:30 last night from Colorado Springs.

This morning I put out fertilizer on the rest of the garden & some down the hill.

Set out pepper plants & planted Wax Beans, Kohl rabi, watermelon, Canteloupe, Summer Squash, Butternut squash, & Cucumbers

Also put out plants (seedlings) Parochaetus communis down the hill, Iris Germanica, Iris Tenax and 4 Aconitum napalensis. Put out rain from along drive, Seedlings of Sparkling Jewels Cytisus albus & Cytisus purpureus

We went to Shawnondale & got caught in a heavy rain but beat a few plants back. No rain at home

May 18, 1958

Steven & I put out Geraniums, ferns etc we got from Shawnondale including the two Witch Hazels, & also went over to Iris Swamp & got back Cinnamon ferns, and Cypripedium We also planted the strip that has Rudbeckia in here about 200 plants & Buffalo

May 18, 1958 Cont)
Cotoneaster, Black Hills Spruce, Sand Cherry
Honey locust.
3 members of the garden club came
out for a look around & stayed from
two until after 5.
The boys went for a swim in the pond
for the first time this year.
Picked onions & radishes both for the
house & the girls

May 20, 1958
Had a light rain (.30) last night which
should help us starting the numerous
plants I've set out recently. Hot & Humid
today but little sun.
Put peat & fertilizer on a lot of plants
Found the outlet to the pond stopped up
& worked most of the afternoon trying to
clear it with no luck.
Picked Radishes & Turnips, beets, carrots &
lettuce. Pulled a big mess of asparagus

June 5, 1958
We got home from Iowa about 9:00 PM last
night. This morning I cut asparagus,
picked strawberries, pulled onions & got sprayed
Weeded the lower bed and on the slope as
long as I could stand it.
Cole McCreery came out & had a man by
the name of Robinson from Michigan with
him, Christie came last night & longer

June 6, 1958
Came home from the office at 5:00. Got packed
for the boys to make a new dock & swim for
Stephanie & Cindy. Something got one of the babies
last night as all four were here yesterday

June 7, 1958
Slept late and didn't get out of doors until after nine. Slim & Bruce take two boys Lee to camp over night & I didn't get any help from them but Jeff did help.
Picked strawberries, cut mustard & asparagus & pulled onions.
I planted 8 rows of purple hulled peas and hoed down around for covering the beds near the cold frame.
also weeded & covered primroses with peat moss Jeff. Cut a lot of the grass down by the pond & I pulled some weeds
Slim, Howard & I built a little dock for them on the old channel so they can get in & out of the boat better
June 8, 1958
Worked outside watering, pulling weeds etc. Visited with Gail, June etc in afternoon To Burnetts for a cocktail party at 6 and Pam as a farewell & the Kempo & Hot & stuffy
June 10, 1958
Cook Books came back to work today & I put him to finishing the garden.
June 12, 1958
I spent two strenuous days at the meeting of the Interior advisory board & was tired when I got home last night.
Clara & I picked a nice mess of peas this morning and hoed down several heads of lettuce. We picked one head a couple days ago & found it excellent.
Cook & I put sawdust over the big bed near the road (old one). He also built a little cement & stone wall to keep the gravel

June 12, 1958 (Cont)
& sand from washing out of our drive entrance.
I trimmed all the lawns, weeded the remaining terraces below the house & those backs of the kitchen.
Set out a dozen Aconitum napellus in one of the Terraces above the kitchen. These were seedlings I raised.
To night I put out a dozen Pieris floribunda plants near the cold frame. These came from Dry Hill Forest. Very poor
We had Blueberries, Lamb lettuce & green peas out of the garden tonight
Peonies have bloomed. Jap Iris budded and other perennials all in bloom.
To night I ordered from the daffodil mart Gladwell Va.
12 Lycoris radiata @ 100 each / yellow & white narcissus for naturalizing

June 20, 1958
I got back from Newfoundland yesterday about 2 pm, but I ends all run from two days I missed planes & mixed up schedules & didnt do much.
I did get our first mess of turnips from the garden & they were very good

June 21, 1958
Went to the Office & saw Walter Pearson & did the mail. Came home & put some Cottonseed meal with mine to fertilize the Azaleas.
Set out 12 broccoli plants that I grew from the perennial broccoli seed that I had. They were very small & spindly but some may grow. I put also in some Cotton Grass, Carex canadensis

June 21, 1958 (cont)
& Kalmia angustifolia plants which we
put out temporarily. I doubt feel like
doing much
Showed two birds a Canadian Warbler
& a Cape May That the boys picked up on
Tunbridge St on May 16

June 22, 1958
Steve helped me for 5 hours this morning
& we got a lot of little chores done
1 Picked peas & sprayed others for aphids
2. Fixed a bed for the primulas yet to come
from Barbeau
(3) Put out seedlings from four pot
7 plants
1 Cassiope hypnoides
2 Gaultheria ovatifolia
(3) Stewartia ovata
(4)
Cut sprouts up by garden showing Steve
how it is done.
Moved two bunches of Scilla campanulata
up along the garden trail. Del had put
planted over 150 bulbs from 2 dozen I
bought 2 years ago.
In the afternoon Steve & I went
to Beam and a couple } nurseries
We got an Egyptian Lotus for the garden
9 Pots
12 Petunia
2 Black eyed Susan } for front
2 Cape daisys } lawn
2 Shasta daisies
3 Platycodon
1 Lychnis chalcedonica } for front
1 Lychnis malacoides } border
We planted them & by that time I was
all in

June 29, 1958
I got home at about 2:30 It was hot & sticky but we picked raspberries & Clara had a nice mess I wax beans & lettuce from the garden. I pulled some weeds but it was too hot to do much
Steve hilled the duels - they were eating up all his bog garden plants.
June 30, 1958
I planted beet & ruta baga seeds after pulling peas that had been eaten badly by aphids really I was sorry
Steve did a fine job of cleaning out sprouts in the area.
July 1, 1958
Slayed home. Steve & I put netting over the blueberries - picked enough for a pie - helped Peggy pick the raspberries and put sawdust around the Rhododendrons + other plants along the garden trail.
We had the car serviced & I am working at the desk the balance of the day
July 2, 1958
Left for the lake in Canada

Aug 4, 1958
I got to Washington in about noon Bell Allen met me + but me home. I went my mail + read material for the meeting in Dulver tomorrow
The flies bother like a plague. I picked a lot of tomatoes, pulled some weeds in the garden + cut out part of the red raspberry canes.
Aug 7, 1958
Picked tomatoes + pulled a few more

Aug 7, 1958 (cont)
needs cut squash + cabbage to take to Canada + left a lot in the back porch for Peggy. Geof + BJ here for dinner and to start for Canada in the morning.

Aug 16, 1958
We got back with Steve + Bruce about 4 pm Pm bringing a lot I water plants for Steve's but garden wouldn't be proceeded to plant with a little help from me.
I planted 1 Arabis on slope below house from Bay Isle
3 anchusa like plants from NY on lower terrace
2 Euphorbia from Fred Glenny's Garden
Also picked, squash, cucumbers + tomatoes pulled some weeds from lower terrace. It is a horrible mess.

Aug 17, 1958
Steve + I finished cutting the cane out of the back raspberries, tied up the Baby sunflowers + weeded the garden. Planted radishes, more radishes, leaf lettuce + spinach. Garden now in good shape except for mice. I put out poison for them.
Also pulled some weeds around the house + on terrace above the cottage. Planted, the Birch, One aspen + one spruce we got from the Lake.

Aug 18, 1958
Planted radishes, lettuce, and spinach today + pulled out 1 weeds in the garden + down on the terraces. We also went to Shannondale + made arrangements

Aug 19, 1958 (cont)
for the lot clearing.

Aug 21, 1958
Took the car over to the garage and left it. Pulled weeds out of the lower terrace & the garden beyond the pond. The spruce, Honey locust & Cotoneaster there doing fine, the Sand cherries pretty well and the buffalo berry rather poorly.
We also cleared the drive of weeds getting ready for more pavestone.
I wrote letters & worked at the desk in the afternoon

Aug 22, 1958
They didnt bring my car back until noon today so I didnt go to town.
I planned the order I put in from Rambow Gardens this morning.
Also planted more Rutabagas & Turnips seed.
Elsie & I weeded the balance of the terrace beds & they look much better. We also got all the paths but one done as well. I have the big slope yet to do.
Elsie also transplanted a number of Iris out along the road.

Aug 23, 1958
I with Elsie & Bruce help pulled the grass out of the iris down by the pond & put a little sawdust about each one after roughing up the ground a bit.
Bob took the boys & Clara to buy clothes for school until 2 needed

Aug 23, 1953 (cont)
the lower slope.
After lunch I rested a bit and then I did a little more weeding around the house also picked tomatoes, squash & cucumbers & planted 4 rows of beets in the garden. The boys & I fixed the carrot after they returned.

Aug 24, 1958
We had planned to go to Lilypons this morning but it rained in the night & is wet cloudy & humid this morning.
I made a bunch of tiger lily bulblets up by the garden putting some on the brush side of each of the lilac.
Also dug the lily bulbets out of the primrose bed & put them up by the end of the red wood road. I dug big & deep holes for each one & mixed a lot of wet sawdust in with the dirt
Stew & I weeded the beds above the petition & along the garden trail.
Bob, Stew & I cut the dead tree in front of the house, cut it into five foot lengths and piled it under the balcony. We also trimmed up the branches & put them up on the slope where the wind blows all the leaves off.
This evening Stew & I went to the garden for beets & I cut a few sprouts It was quiet & disagreeable most of the afternoon had evening thunder showers

Aug 25, 1958
I found about 3c bulbets on the one Solium excelsum next to the 3c I planted them in a plot on the Red Grave
Next I transplanted two Convallarias from a spot that has become too shady to one where they will have more shade.
It rained all last night & very today: when I got home it was raining
Judge had 15c nickel rain

Aug 27, 1958
Steve, Bruce & I got back from the eastern slope about 5 P.M. Steve had a lot
I Marsh mallow, Pickerel weed, Rhexia bud on huge arrowhead lily & plant
I put out my Willow ads by the tiger range & I Devils Club on the edge of the delta at Eagle and I put

Aug 29, 1958
I worked outside all morning rearranging a bed for the primulas that must be divided.
To do so I moved
(1) Clematis dandrans up trail toward the garden
(2) Anemone magellanica 2 plants down on the slope
(3) Jeffersonia diphylla down on slope
(4) 3 plants of Primularia up onto next bed.
(5) 4 Plants of Blechnum onto next bed.
(6) all cypripedium acaule-pubescens onto Central bed above the house

Aug 29, 1958 (Cont)

I Aconitum napellus up nice bed with white
Several Saponaria officinalis out along
drive
bor & seedlings of Prairie Rose onto beds
down by Cold frame.
& plants of Asperula odorata up along
garden trail.
& then spaded up the bed, digging out
roots & rocks & turning under peat &
humus & covered entire bed with
a layer of sawdust.

We went to the much touted Three
Springs Falls & Lily pons Not and
very much disappointed in its display
& its service.

We were there over an hour & could not
get enough attention to even get a catalog.
There was a man there waiting on a bunch
of boys and the I stood around he scowled
at me & never did come back. He left as soon
as he got their money.

They had many ponds but the lilies
were sunburned & the leaves withered.

We came home disgusted and I went
to Falls Church and found a place to
fix the 20 gauge but could not get any
one to tackle the fly rods & reel.

Aug 30, 1958

with Stan help I transplanted the Primroses
& most of the Astilbes in prepared beds. It
took all morning.

This afternoon I turned the compost pile
and picked a big mess of Purple Hull
peas the last of this year. Rutabagas
& turnips up

aug 31, 1958
Hot & sticky. Clara & I left at 8:30 to go to Glen Burnie near Baltimore to go into the details of the move ump at Shannondale. We got back at 1:30 It was too hot & sticky to do much but I did put permanent markers on some Rhododendrons, pulled some weeds, cut some sprouts & picked tomatoes & cucumbers We had a fine mess of purple hull peas for dinner tonight, Jane Lee last night tonight as well as BJ & Lee Lewis.

Sept 1, 1958
Somewhat cooler & with a little air moving. I cut a lot of sprouts & pulled seedlings & maple, ferny ash, & cherry out of some of the woods around the home Wild Sleepbeck & Bruce Culp & Dug big holes & planted 8 hybrid Rhododendrons in the woods in front of the house.

1 agor - 1 dwf)
2 Purple Splendor 1 "
2 Jan Relaris
2 G. Bedford
1 Jean Marie de Montague
I watered them good & mulched them heavily with sawdust.

Sept 9, 1958
I arrived home from delta last night about eleven. Picked squash & cucumbers & cut some sprouts up around the garden.
At noon the postman put a bundle of primroses from Barnhaven Gardens. I planted 25 polyanthus in the bed above the Lelahan & 25 Belladonna primulas along the front.

Sept 9, 1958 (cont)
I also put out a bunch of Leptarrena that I bot store from Canada. Planted 3 pots of Calochortus Balance of the day at the docks.

Sept 10, 1958
Planted balance of Calochortus & 2 pots of Erythronium seedlings 1 E. Tuolumni & 1 E. Johnsoni down the hill before Taking off for Philadelphia

Sept 13, 1958
Got home last night & picked a few tomatoes & cucumbers this morning.
Stephen & I transplanted about 20 Erect Carnea cuttings out along the drive in front of the Brooms.
I also put 3 peonies from Walter Marx Gardens in Terrace with the other
1 Felix Crousse (brilliant red)
1 Mons Martin Cahuzac (dark red)
1 Tourangelle (gift. Light pink)
Stirr took the six Jap Iris that Carol & planted them on the garden.
I went with Clara to Junes so she could clear the ford with her.
When we came back Bruce & I planted 2 qt of onion sets - completing the planting line planned for this fall.

Sept 14, 1958
Slept late. I strung hose up to the garden & watered the seeds that I just put in.
The garden is very dry on top but moist enough down 5 or Six inches.
Moved 4 Black raspberry bushes into the place of those the mice killed last winter.
Cut some Sprouts but it was too wet

Sept 14, 1958 (Cont)
Put 4 Rhododendron Smirnowi that I raised from seed up toward the garden set out 4 Pieris floribunda near yew one I have.
Cut a lot of sprouts & weeded some along the pond.
June & Dave here for dinner

Sept 15, 1958
Came home early from the office but felt so lousy that I didn't do anything had a terrible head ache & sore throat & started doctoring for it. Went to bed at 8:30 but couldn't go to sleep. about 11:00 pm my head opened up & I went to sleep

Sept 16, 1958
Feel better this morning. Clara spent the day yesterday with the new Lassie helper showing her what things were at Bs & I am hope it works out.
This morning I tried to work outside a while but feel so lousy that I didn't accomplish much.
Moved one Mediterranean heather that I messed up with the others.
moved two Vinca pedata down the bank & placed them near the others.
Put my Fortune Ruffled rhododendron out behind the cold frame & one along the drive. These are the only two survivors that I got from Cape Cod gardens. I had six
Also planted one Galanthus snowdrop that came up in a pot down by the cold frame. Lost the label or rather it became illegible but I think it was nivalis.

Sept 16, 1958 (cont)
cut sprouts and put a mess of beets down
from the garden for dinner
Took a nap after lunch & then worked
at the desk.

Sept 18, 1958
Slept late. Called Young about the dam
and he said he'd come some time today.
I did a variety of little chores this morning
that take time but do not show much
I fixed the hose connections so that I could
get pressure enough to run the sprinklers
on the seeds I planted in the garden &
kept the hose running all morning.
Fixed the rest of the shrub bed above the
fieldstone by covering it with compost and
then digging it deeper taking quite a lot
of rocks out in the process. I then covered
it with sawdust & also covered two other beds.
Clipped some sprouts around the garden
Transplanted a
(10 or a lot) bulblets of Begonia evansiana into
the primrose bed.
② One pot of Anemone a. sulphurea down
the slope toward the north end of dike
③ 1 Pimpinella - Aregon Myrtle seedlings to
seedlings bed above the house
④ 6 Rhododendron carolinianum to a
place between upper garden path & the
road.
⑤ Two Astilbe from down the hill to
fill up the bed I made for them
above the kitchen.
⑥ 2 Erica ciliaris cuttings by back door
⑦ 2 Azalea alberichii along drive
⑧ 3 Rhododendron macrophyllum on septic field

Sept 18, 1958 (Cont)
Worked at desk most of afternoon & evening.

Sept 21, 1958
Got home about 5:00 PM from Mansfield. It had been raining here & didn't do anything outside. My narcissus bulbs are here.

Sept 23, 1958
Planted a few narcissus bulbs but used up most of the day going to Shannondale & laying out the clothing I wanted done. Worked some at desk.

Sept 24, 1958
Put out balance of the first 100 narcissus bulbs. Including the small ones & the split there were more than a hundred. I put them in the woods between here & the garden
Didn't get home until after dark and the evening so didn't get any more done

Sept 25, 1958
Clara over with the birds last night but I came home
Planted 7 Myosotis down by the pump
3 Dianthus deltoides in front of kitchen
3 Iceland poppy back of kitchen
3 Anchusa myosotidiflora back of kitchen
7 Agapanthus Campanulaceus } up along
5 " mollis } garden
4 " evergreen } front
2 " calycanthaceus } down by
3 " evergreen } house.
Got out all the rest of the 200 Narcissus bulbs up along garden front.

Sept 25, 1958 (cont)
I also planted radish, lettuce & spinach seed to see if it would still make a crop this late.
Also pulled some white icicle radishes for lunch.

Sept 27, 1958
This was my birthday. I celebrated by putting out the remainder of the azaleas, two Daphne Cneorum, 4 Cyprepedium acaule, 6 Arizona cypress & helping Steve get Iris for his garden & also 2 Mountain Laurel.
We cut a little cypress juniper that was bending over the tent and a stunted twisted tulip that I had to trim out first to keep it from cutting out the light wires to the tent.
Dean Schoenfeldt came and had lunch with us and we had a nice visit with Irving.
Bob went to a meeting tonight & was over at the house most of the day so we have had the birds this week end.

Oct 4, 1958
Elva met me at the airport at 5:30 when I returned from Utica where the New York Conservation Council. We got home about 7:00 & I found the oil Jager had order which I will plant tomorrow
Steve, Bruce & Bob Schultzberger have brought down 6 squirrels & 1 deer that he got last night & today. Bruce had to go to the doctor so he didn't get out until late tonight

Oct 5, 1958

Steve & Bob slept out last night but Bruce stayed in the house.

I planted

1 Colchicum Waterlily } Back of
3 Lilium candidum } kitchen
12 Leucojum Vernum in front of house
100 Mixed Crocus on North side of the drive
100 Muscari Early giant South " " " "
100 Camassia gramash around pond & along Steves garden.

1 Viburnum sieboldi } These were up by
1 " obdplatum } the road & I put
1 Rosa hugonis } them down on the
1 Holodiscus discolor } drive

Picked tomatoes, 2 Summer Squash, 5 Butternut
grewy one to Jane, one to Gail & 2 to Bob
Picked tomatoes & cucumbers & tied up
the Boysenberries, trimmed the blackberries
& black raspberries.
all the birds here today.

Oct 6, 1958

I got home at 4 oclock bringing 13 plants with me. I planted

1 Viburnum tomentosum mariesii on drive
2 Catanoclys " lawn terrace.
3 Creping Thyme back of kitchen
1 Hemerocallis Dry " "
1 Liatris } up where old trail let
3 Lupinus } the road
2 Sweet Rocket above east garden fence

It frosted last night & Clara & I picked nearly 2 Bushels of green tomatoes
4 Summer Squash
27 Butternut " (gave 2 to Peggy & we used & gave 5 to the girls & Bob sunday

Oct 7, 1958

Stayed at home & got holes ready for Steve to plant Strawberries, red raspberries & asparagus in the garden & a group of shrubs on the dike & along the garden then Clipped quite a lot of sprouts.
Rush called last night & said he & Emma would be here this afternoon. They arrived about 6[30] PM.

Oct 8, 1958

Showed Rush around the place & then took him to town with me to meet Tony Smith for lunch. While eating lunch my left eye suddenly went bad & I went to the Office for a while & came home

Oct 9, 1958.

Eye no better so went to a doctor He told me to go home & rest for a few days & then let him see it again Rush cut one big dead pine & also helped Jennings man who got stuck bringing a load of wood into the barn
We rested until late.

Oct 10, 1958

Rush & Emma left at about 10[00] am. I followed doctors orders & stayed until about 3[00] PM when I shaved & changed clothes Clara came soon after & took me to a Doctor Denny at 2000 Massachusetts Ave It took so long that Clara & I ate dinner at his club & enjoyed it. The doc said that whatever is wrong with my left eye is nothing serious and to go about on my business. We got Steve & Howard & Christie invited on Conway also

Oct 11, 1958
I marked the places for plants for Stephen + we transplanted a lot of Azaleas I took them from between the Scotch broom and put them in a bunch on the hillside lower down.
We also moved the one Ilex verticill ata in the pond terrace and made three of it.
And also moved the three azaleas that were there and made about a dozen that were planted along the east side of the pond drain
I was tired when it was finished and quit
I picked up cones etc before I quit
Oct 12, 1958
Stere + I dug some more holes + I got stuff ready for June + Gail to plant tho I cared for plants when they came.
I also clipped a lot of sprouts.
June came but Dave under the weather and she took Lorin to the hospital again last night
Oct 13, 1958
Worked like hell planting the plants that came

Wayside Gardens

1	Viburnum macrocephalum	on slope
	Rotheus garden	by Blue Ridge
3	Aralia racemosa	on slope
10	Galax aphylla	below woodpile
25	Trillium grandiflorum	
3	Cornus canadensis	By pond
15	Lilium philadelphicum	
10	Shortia galacifolia	on slope
25	Rhododendron maximum	on north slope
3	Osmunda claytonica	by pond
3	Cypripedium spectabile	garden

Oct 13, 1958 (cont)
I was sure glad I had the stuff all ready & the holes dug. I'd never have made it otherwise.

Oct 31, 1958
Clara & I arrived from Denver about 9:30 am
We left there at 2:00 pm & were home sometime
There was a bundle of stuff from Interstate Nurseries
and I planted it.
2 Salvia patchera on lower terrace
3 Lilium rubrum
3 " candidum } all back of kitchen
3 Hybrid Lilies.
I also found quite a lot of stuff in basement
that Steve & Jim ended planted
White Flower Farm Litchfield Conn.
1 Abeliophyllum distichum
1 Weigelia foliis purpureis 2 Steve planted } all on
1 " Styrica } deck
Steve says he planted
10 Callha palustris that came while I was gone
I planted from Spring Hill Nursery
Tipp City Ohio
2 ~~Oak Leaved Hy~~ Dwarf Peach Plum } along
2 Spiraea Blue Mist } path
10 Red raspberry September Morn } In garden
25 Asparagus plants
To come yet
2 Oak Leaved hydrangeas } On deck Steve
2 Mahonia aquifolium } up toward Garden Steps
50 Fairfax strawberries
Steve must have planted Wayside Garden
1 Anchusa myosotidiflora back of Town
1 Hardy aster Wilsons Climax Calf
1 Veronica rupestres } on lower terrace
1 Hibiscus Crimson eye } on deck
1 " Treeno
1 Clown failed to come & they gave me a credit for it

(Oct 31, 1958 (cnt)
Carrole Gardens.
Slow planted
1 Camea with Hazel (up by garden)
3 Anemone pulsatilla alba on terrace
4 Declamma albus } Never
1 Valeriana coccinea } came
3 Scabiosa caucasica Pond Terrace
I picked up stony walk + raked off the drive
about 20 baskets of leaves
got Black Spanish radishes)
Leaf Lettuce
Green Onions } from garden
I also planted
6 Scabiosa caucasica
6 Phlox
1 Hemerocallis Mrs W H Wyman
6 Veronica incana
Nov 1, 1958
Nice day but I worked in the house
all day. Clara came with Christie & Stacy
about 2:00 pm + Bert stopped me at the ditch
Stacy & I put the wheel on the red wheelbarrow
+ then put the leaf rack on it & cleaned up
the drive. I also got some leaves out of the ditch
+ raked them down to the leaf pile. Got wood
for a fire and quit working at the ditch
and took my wheelbarrow while Christie was still riding
Nov 2, 1958
Cold + raining. Geof + I got in wood, fed the
birds + clipped Peggy's Holly tree.
Bob + all the other kids went after June
about 11:00 Am.
Gail + her family, June + Bob + the kids
all came for dinner. We had a good dinner
but the kids, in the house all day because
of the rain, were terribly noisy

Nov 4, 1958
I planted 10 Thyme on the terrace
1 Wallenberg aster on lower terrace
1 Stokesia
1 Lychnis Maltese cross } on second terrace
Also dug the first Salsify and except for a couple that split around small rocks they were the biggest + best yet.
Also planted 3 Platycodon (blue ones) on 2nd terrace
I took all four kids to Battle Lake + when we got there found it was closed to fishing. We got a few Aquilegia canadensis plants for God's garden at Battle but 2 Symphoricarpus + 1 leatherleaf for his garden. I put 2 Red bud trees for the Edlie Store + I moved one Viburnum dentatum up along the road + brot a dozen mountain laurel plants + put them up back of the picnic area where I had planned to put Rhododendron carolinianum x
Clara took all kids down tonight + will go from there to the doctors office
Nov 9, 1958
I got home at 9:30 last night from Denver Clara met me at the airport and we came straight home.
Today I did a lot of small things out of doors.
Hunted up 10 scattered asparagus plants + fenced the bed
Clipped 7 asparagus tops + old tomato vines
Hoed out strawberry runners
Got parsnips, lettuce + green onions + Clay transplanted 10 Arbor Cypress seedlings
Clipped a lot + brush + rabbit fuchsia between the house + the garden

Nov 9, 1958.

Got up wood enough to burn all day as the furnace won't work. This finished the wood pile down by the tent.

Bob & the kids as well as the house keeper & her husband came out for a while this day

Nov 11, 1958

I went to the Doctors this yesterday & he took most of the stuff out of my throat It broke open this morning when I was digging in wood for the fire place.

I got the car dispelled and did a few chores outside. Also put six evergreen azaleas down along the foot of the bull If they do well I'll get some more done down there.

Anne's young men came & hauled rock over to the dam & filled the hole with them It should keep it from washing any more until he can furnish the fish

Nov 15, 1958

I got home from the office last night after dark. I was home all day on the 13th but worked on the Colorado report.

Chas & I got all the bird leaf mold and leaves helped me haul a lot of water both out & our gutter & the one above Peggy's door. We piled them alongside the compost pile which is completely filled up.

I also cleaned up around the back door and raked up leaves around the picnic tables

But about 6 Chas pantomimed me a seat & sat down on the old pump.

Nov 15, 1958

Cash spread most) the sawdust we had left on the garden. & we put the signs back up on the stand that the kids pulled down. It started to rain just after noon and has dugged all afternoon

We had our camellia sasanqua in bloom today & another bud about ready to open.

Crocus asturiacus opening today the latest I all the crocus I have.

Nov 16, 1958

Fed birds, gathered onions, pulled beet & put them in the compost pile and looked the place over preparatory to leaving for Winnipeg

June came to take the food & us to the plane & then to meet us when we return.

Nov 27, 1958

Purple Finches at feeder this morning

Clara & I got home with June & all I Bob had about midnight last night,

I pulled parsnips & got the biggest one I've ever seen. Also pulled some green onions

Puttered around out I doors a bit but didn't do much.

Gail & Bob & families & June came for Thanksgiving dinner. Ate too much Turkey Everyone went home & Clara & I went to bed

Nov 28, 1958

Worked at desk all morning, answering mail etc.

In afternoon put bone meal on narcissus beds, compost on chrysanthemums & on bed in front of house & cut some boxwood.

Clara put Slim & Bruce out in afternoon

Nov 28, 1958 cont'd
but it was raining when they got here.
& We didn't do anything more out of doors
Peggy over to help me eat mallard.
Nov 29, 1958
Steve, Bruce & I went up to Geny Groves
place near Purcellville to hunt. He has
only 128 acres but we saw three large
coveys of quail but the dog was wild them
two of them & never saw the third. I
saw but slight and we got home out of sit
altogether the boys got 4 quail & 1 rabbit
I didn't do so well at I missed a rabbit
and two quail. We showed them had many
rabbits but we all passed up shots because
the dog was either between us & the rabbit
or just behind it. I never saw a more
worthless dog. Got home at 5:30 tired out
Nov 30, 1958
Bruces birthday. We celebrated it by going over
to Peggys and cutting some wood for her & then
cutting down some dead pine over a little brush
on the hill south of the house.
In the afternoon we observed some bird stems
& I collected on Mary & and also a quail. Steve
shinned on quail & tried to mount it & didn't
do badly at all.
Jane like all day & took the ford home.
Bob, Geny, Christie & Brenda & her husband
had about nine & we had cake & ice cream
Dec 1, 1958
12 above this morning but Cash came to work
I went to New York in evening
Dec 2, 1958
Got home about 3:00 PM after class & Christie
met me at plane. I started cleaning up the

Dec 3, 1958 (Cont'd)
library & sorting out a lot of stuff to throw away.

Dec 4, 1958

Worked in library all morning. Went to Alexandria for meeting & came home late after staying at Gunts for dinner

Dec 5, 1958

The boys & I left for Cambridge Maryland and picked up Bob Stewart on the way.

Dec 6, 1958

Cold & windy. We got 9 ducks & got home about 9 30 pm.

Had 3 Mallards, 3 baldpate, 1 gadwall, 1 green winged & 1 blue winged teal.

Dec 7, 1958

The boys & I picked & dressed 7 ducks & 2 skinned the gadwall & the blue winged teal. Got in wood etc.

Bob & the kids & Freda & Dan Eastwood & Jane over here for a venison dinner. It was good.

I left on 10 30 hours for Boston

Dec 13, 1958

Got home at 11 00 pm Dec 11 from the budget meeting but went with Ted yesterday.

Gunt & Woody came over for dinner last night & Gunt, Stan & Bruce as well as them. I'm not very tired but did not get up as much as I'd like to. Got the rest of the wood split down from my house & Gunts and pile some by the road & the driveway. This morning Russell Hunt & Al Aly and Gunt four loads sawdust beside my h Peggy. Cloud saw Cecil helped them

Dec 13, 1958 (cont)
The boys pulled two geese & 9 ducks on. Pulled off two on the 10th & 2 on the 11th while I got 2 by better aim. All were secured by Shy reaching up Running in Farms. I also myself up 2 ducks we skinned last week.

Dec 14, 1958
Cliff Call: The birds started most the day yesterday and started in to do Wednesday today. Hogeen a couple times and sort of spoiled that again & Woody came & got them & took them to B.J. He was afraid to come in with his sleigh tracks. All got home OK and we had Sunday dinner at Rose also supper & the venture turned as planned.
I didn't do much except feed the birds & burn the trash.

Dec 20, 1958
Spent most of the day out of doors, the first day in a long time.
I spent most of it hauling sawdust I covered the two bottom terraces and got a good start on the strip along the east shore of the pond. It is so rocky that I think a good truck larger of sawdust won't hurt a thing.
In the afternoon I covered a lot of the spaces above the house with a sawdust mulch and cut or pulled quite a lot of sprouts. I stayed out until dark to watch the Xmas tree hunters. There were several who didn't stop when they saw me working along the road.

Dec 21, 1958

Went to Clarendon to get June this morning & took her home this evening.

Spent most of the day hauling sawdust & cutting sprouts up by garden where I could watch Christmas tree cutters. Bob & the kids here for a while and then Bob & Gerg went home to do some Xmas printing.

Clara took the other home later

Dec 22, 1958

I stayed at home today. Cash showed up with Ed and I put them to taking the two dying pines down up along the road. I was afraid they would take down the power wires if they fell

I finished covering the lower terrace with sawdust and was tired when it finished.

Charles Robinson came to discuss parks with me this afternoon.

Dec 25, 1958

I got a little of the sawdust spread on the garden. Evelyn's Ken for Xmas & Clara & I were both worn out which Bob finally left with Christie & Gerg.

Dec 26, 1958

Blaine, Bruce & I went hunting at Gerg Jones today. We got one doe, one fox-grouse, one squirrel & one cottontail. Blaine got them all but the rabbit which I shot. Blaine didn't get a shot

Dec 27, 1958

I spent the day until 2 30 at the Conservation Council for the advancement of science meeting. I then came home & Bruce & I finished covering the garden with sawdust. I also got 2 sacks of cottonseed meal which I will put out tomorrow

Dec 27, 1958 (Cont)
Cash & Ed Booth saw about 30 geese flying up different Run today.
Dec 28, 1958.
Jerry, Bruce & I did the chores, put the cottonseed meal on the garden & stacked a lot of wood around the compost pile.
We also raked up a lot of leaves around the compost & piled them on.
Also planted corn seeds & Crataegus that Rush sent, one Red Oak acorn, one Buckeye and a bunch of Spindle tree seeds that I collected at Malabar farm in Ohio.

Jan 1, 1959
It rained all day & I worked in the basement with Bruce Rhumbaugh a Wilson Snipe & dressed 2 squirrels, 1 rabbit & 1 goose. It was a lucky for hearing we were entertained so much

Jan 2, 1959
Bruce & I put both bow mark and limeations at the garden.
We also filled the wood place under the balcony and piled a lot more wood.
Cash & Ed. Booth finished the big maple that was down by the creek and cut a big dead hickory on the slope

Jan 3, 1959
We had a bad night and slept late.
I didnt do much except more 7 white pines and 3 Engesh Hollys that may not doing too well.
Ed put a little more wood and then Dust in pretty good shape now
Flock of Bluebirds down by pond.

Jan 4, 1959
Bruce & I piled more wood and planted about fifteen dogwoods & Viburnums on the vista behind the pond.
It turned cold in afternoon. June, Bruce Christie & Gail & her family here for dinner.
Jan 6, 1959
Cold & Raw. I mean Sawed cedars one day low temperature 10° above and a very stiff breeze.
Worked on Income tax & other matters at desk.

Jan 16, 1959
Got home from Manteo last night before last at midnight but was gone all day yesterday I had hoped to get out & work around this morning but it snowed had no sun at all desk instead. We got the boys & Christie about 4 P.M. Pay
It stopped snowing & turned cold about that time.
Jan 17, 1959
Down to 10° last night & Clear & Cold this morning with a stiff breeze. Steve & I got up some wood and looked over the place. Ed & Cecil have the bottom pretty well cleaned up. Too cold to work outside
Jan 18, 1959
Steve & I cut a few small dead trees & just up some brush & piled it along the hillside to rot. This job is pretty well over now but we got quite a lot of transplanting to do. Christie Pam a few Dogwood & Cut and a few Viburnum.
It was down to zero last night & I don't try to plant today

Jan 22, 1959

I've been down town every day this week until today. I did get home last night early enough to dig the last / the Salsify which we had for dinner & to get Parsnips for today Up to 6 8 lbs of them.

This morning it cleared after a thunder squall last night that put 1/2 inch of water in the rain gauge.

I got wood & piled the rest / the way / on the drive.

Jan 23, 1959

Trimmed the Washington Thorn trying to get a better frame for the tree and then cut sprouts below the donut until Clara called me for lunch.

Tried to plant peas but despite the warm weather & rain / the last two days the ground was still frozen under the sawdust.

Jan 24, 1959

Went out looking at Parks and didn't get home in time to do more than get in wood for a fire.

Jan 25, 1959

Trimmed up more sprouts and spent some time cutting ~~trimmed~~ removed and other dead stuff. Steve helped a little while.

Jan 26, 1959.

We transplanted about 30 dog wood trees taking them from the thick place & planting them out over the slope & the bottom. A few more will plant everything that can be planted.

Cleo & I have nearly finished the clearing I dug stuff out / the bottom and it looks much better.

Jan 30, 1959
Clara & I took June to the plane & she got off at 9[15]. We then went to the office for a while & then came home.
I planted ½ ± I would guess but the ground was still frozen along the south fence so I didn't plant the climbers.
Did get wood up, dug parsnips and put sawdust, cottonseed meal, lime & bone meal on the parsnip bed. The garden is now ready to plant after it has been raked a bit.
Carl & Ed Brown have nearly finished clearing the bottom & Bradley wood for next year. The amount & depth that has shown up is amazing.
Dee is going out & has found fast & also frost out of the ground. The air feels like Spring 60° today
Jan 31, 1959
Colder last night & had ice formed again on entire pond.
I cut some sprouts & cut up some brush. Tootie Slone & Bruce cut the Union Mill Road & framed the old talc mine & mill.
Feb 1, 1959
Steve & I finished cutting sprouts on all the area of the hill that I wanted to open & Carl & Ed did likewise on the creek bottom. Now if I can get rid I some of the honeysuckle down there we will have a good start on it & perhaps can get some other things done.
Bob but his new girl friend Vonnie McGraw out here both yesterday & today Carl seems very nice

Feb 26, 1959
Clara & I got home from Texas last night after dark.
I planted
1 Rose Flamingo never started
1 Camellia Pagoda
Ground still too frozen to plant peas
Seradups and a few specie Cocus in bloom but no narcissus

March 8, 1959
We got back about 5:00 pm last night from the South, Amer. Wildlife Conference & Toys
Frank & Burnice both in Conk.
Snow drops, Xmas Rose, Several crocus, & narcissus running in bloom.
Steve & I planted peas this morning
We also went on a bird hike & saw following
(1). Turkey Vulture (4 or 5)
(2) Red shouldered Hawk 1
(3) Bob White (Grey Jr. on place)
(4) Mourning Dove several & Lost at feeder
(5) Kingfisher 1
(6) Downy woodpecker 4
(7) Redbellied " 1
(8) Crow c
(9) Blue Jay 5
(10) Cattle (1) (Burned)
(11) Mockingbird 2 " "
(12) Robin c. New arrivals everywhere
(13) Bluebird (2)
(14) Golden crowned Kinglet 2
(15) Chickadee 10
(16) Tufted Titmouse 2
(17) White breasted N. Nuthatch
(18) Purple Finch c
(19) Goldfinch 2

March 8, 1959 (cont)

(20) White throated Sparrow c

(21) cardinal 12

(22) Junco c

(23) Field Sparrow 1

(24) Song " 3

(25) Carolina Wren 1)

Gail, Woody & family except Martha here for dinner. One of Ned's girls came here nearly hysterical over having dog in a trap & Woody & I went to help her. It was a long walk & I was tired when I got back.

Bernice & Frank left about 3 PM for Florida

Steve found the remains of a short skinned Hawk near the tent

March 10, 1959

Clara & I went out & walked around the place saw nothing new in bloom but narcissus & species Tulips are coming up every where. Didn't do much except a few chores.

Mixed 3 native azaleas out of flower beds when they were crowding other plants, clipped a few sprouts and repaired one stone wall. Started on a diet again - went to see Dr 10 #.

March 15, 1959

I got back from a short trip to Alpo & pulled grass from around the Iris on the dike that I could find. Some have evidently died altho a few are perhaps alive but not yet up. Jamie, Bob & Ted here - Bob meeting me at the airport with Geoffrey.

Mar 17, 1959

Bob got married again today at the little church in Vienna. It was a nice ceremony with Gail & Woody & Fred, Clara, & D, Ryan Sage, Mr. Foley & the kids present. We had a little reception then and Bob & Vinnie left for a few days in Philadelphia

Clara & D will help the kids

The mailman put the package from Bobbie today. D put the Rhododendrons in a bucket of water but planted

2 Comptonia asplenifolia up by the garden

2 Collinsonia canadensis along garden path

1 Phyllostachya aurea (bamboo) down by the pond

10 Caltha palustris in pond.

Slim helped me.

Mar 19, 1959

D finished up the Manitoba report last night & put in most of the day out of doors. D planted

25 Rhododendron maximum on the slope above the pond and also put sawdust around all the Rhododendron catawbiense & Carolinianum that D could find alive

Plant 2# onion sets,

Just after D finished lunch the express office phoned that the fungicide order was there. D went and got it & planted

3 Rhododendron micromeletum in front of house

March 19, 1959

5 Cytisus purpureus on slope near the
5 Scotch broom. These had good roots
the other two very poor
10 Leucothoe Catesbaei 3 with the others
+ 7 along lower garden trail
10 Azalea calendulacea
5 Camellia Japonica
10 Mahonia aquifolium
10 Ilex aquifolium
5 " femina nana aquifolium
5 Spiraea Bumalda
3 Silverbell
} all these were covered from to glow until next July

I went to Bros for dinner with Clara + the kids

March 20, 1959

Cash came back & I put him to work on the trails. I trimmed shrubs & transplanted some madrone seedlings. Also planted Savoy cabbage seed & water cress.

attended luncheon at Health & Welfare office on East Broad St. Ned & Lot ? errands & came home.

Gail came & but the two kids. We had a picnic dinner together. Clara came about 8:00 PM after Bob & Vinnie came

March 21, 1959

Martha & Doug & I planted a lot of seeds, Mustard, Spinach, Radishes, Lettuce, turnips, Carrots, Beets, Parsnips, Kohlrabi, Parsley, Pumpkin, Egg plant & Herbs, Spanish eyebrow plant, Basil, Dill, Anise & Rosemary. Came down to house & planted Celeriac seeds in a pot for later transplanting. I should have done this same with the Pumpkin

March 21, 1959 cont
seeds - They were so small.
I developed a sore mouth and had to go to the dentist. He treated it & gave me something to continue treating it and it feels better already.
Phoebes came today.

March 22, 1959

Stormy & chill north wind. Bruce, Martha & Doug slept in the tent last night but fuzz out about 6 am

Steve & I dug 21 each of potato Pine & Dogwood for the swimming pool & also transplanted about 30 pines up on the hill.

We also hashed the trash out of the pond & cut some sprouts.

This afternoon we helped Mr Horne, Allen & Noel plant them along the swimming pool.

Ted & Jean Packard came out this way and got 6 or 8 dogwoods for their place.

March 23, 1959

Got home at 6:00 PM & found one Buddleia from Interstate Nurseries in Hamburg Pa & put it out. Went & let dentist thru afternoon & feel rotten tonight. Clara & I have alone for dinner - something that happens so seldom that it is a novelty.

Mar 24, 1959

Sleeped at home. Made a trip to Alden & then planted Parsley, Chervil & Summer Savory seeds also put a packet of California poppy seed out on the lower slopes.

March 24, 1959
Put Dieldrin solution in lampposts & garlax plants when mice were noticed and on certain mouse activity in the blueberry beds.
Started preparing a strip on the dike for chrysanthemum plants and got about 25 feet done. Ill need at least three times that much before I finish.

March 26, 1959
Clare & I bot another Oldsmobile which she wanted so bad she could taste it. It's got power brakes & power drive neither I wish I ever had. Bot

Mar 27, 1959
I got home about 5:00 PM but no license plates for the new car. Clare and Bruce & Steve [illegible] when I got home

March 28, 1957
We went on a bird hike this morning but it was wet & windy & we saw little except the birds around the feeding station
1 Cooper Hawk
1 Catbird (Burnet bird.)
Steve, Bruce & I [illegible] worked up the next the chrysanthemum strip and put both fertilizer & sawdust in it.
We also repotted & painted the boat and I dug around some more iris that are up on the dike. Pulled grass out & the lime Pelex & put more sawdust on it. & clipped the dead branches from the lower terrace.
Steve & Bruce helped me all the time & did a good job

March 28, 1959

Bruce & I went for the mail & found a package containing 5 chrysanthemums & 3 Lycoris bulbi from Interstate nurseries at Hamburg Iowa.

Put the three Lycoris on the 3rd bench and kept the chrysanthemums in a bucket in the garage. They are

Golden Fantasy
Prairie Sunshine
Flamboyant
Pink Quill
Purple Waters

These all planted on April 9 in front of house

Will put them in the cold frame tomorrow

March 29, 1959

Bruce, Geoff & I hauled 9 sacks loads of leaves from the front gutters, the drive and the barberry bushes around the front of the house.

We also painted the boat again & put it in the water. I attempted to fix the birch bark canoe but didn't have enough material to do the job and will have to figure out something else. First tadpoles seen today

Mar 30, 1959

Rain all day. Bruce & Steve slept in the pup tent and said they weren't cold or wet. I went to the office at 9:00 am & Clara left the boys about 11:00 am. When she got back at 1:00 Stephen said grandma I hurt my arm. She took them to the doctor & he had a break just above his wrist. The doctor put it in a cast and will be laid up for a few days

Mar 30, 1959. cont'd

I found a note from Lee when I got home went up and had the rain gauge and as it was so wet worked in the library.

March 31, 1959.

At home but felt lousy all day. Went to Vienna and got a haircut + some garden supplies and came home. Puttered around outside while Clara went to get tags for the cars

Got enough small barberries to get them to plant the back, the bath house and moved about eight more Rosa multiflora up along the road.

Cut some sprouts, pulled some honeysuckle and dug grass from around more iris on the dike.

Took a nap after lunch but still felt lousy.

Took Clara over to get her Ford & when I came home I found two small packages One from Wayside Gardens had

OK 1 Spiraea venusta magnifica } up above kitchen
OK 1 Lysimachia monarcha } in second bed
OK 1 Dictamnus alba down by pond

1 package from Peace Seed Co

OK 1 Callirhoe vulgaris Mrs Beale } up in old peace
OK 1 Erica vagans alba } ground
OK 1 Erica tetralix
OK 1 Iris Germanica on lower knoll
1 Anemone vitifolia pond N

More plants to come on this order

Trust Anemone Blanda + Tulipa turkestanica ant Wisley. Lilies, peas, peonies, shrubs and all kinds of annual bulbs showing here ground & Pkt Crocus Kat 2 planted

March 31, 1959
last year are making a real show.

April 1, 1959
Saw first Pieris blossom
" Shad bush in bloom
down by chain bridge

April 3, 1939
June & Dare arrived back in bad shape last night we got home about midnight
Unpacked & did a few chores also pulled some honeysuckle from down by the ditch.
Tulipa biflora
Forsythia
Spice Bush
Hepaticas below way
Shortia galacifolia
all clear out today for first time
Clark Salyer & wife out for dinner & walk around the place. He liked it very much & was particularly intrigued with my water circulating system.

April 4, 1959
I slept some better this morning.
It rained. I fear much of the creek area running bank full this morning.
Pushkinia has in bloom this morning
I went to work & pulled a lot of honeysuckle but my back got tired & I worked too long at it.
In the afternoon Bruce & I turned my 7 the cuts & Steve set 2 traps for rapids in the crocus beds.
Clara brought home a package from

April 4, 1959 (cont)
the Groves exchange.
I planted 20 gallonia candicans on drive
5 Estate Lilies } In front
5 Regal " } Lilacs
4 L. Auratum } in Astilbe
4 " rubrums } Bed.
Clara & I have to go to Packards for
dinner tonight

April 5, 1959
Steve, Bonnie & I went for a bird hike today
and then finished pulling one patch of honey
suckle & burned it.
I also planted a packet of Roquette in
the garden.
Took about 20 barberries over & planted
them along the base of the bath house
Bob, Vernie & Ida Lee for dinner
as well as June & Mary.
We saw no new birds
① Field Sparrows some more here and singing
② Chickadee building nest below wood frame
③ Golden crowned Kinglets
all other birds that have wintered except
a number of Robins.
Hepaticas well out
May apple
Erythronium } up.

April 7, 1959
I got home about 5 am from a very exhausting
day & Clara & I took a walk around the place
Radishes, Turnips mustard etc coming thru
the ground.
Tulip pulchella, Jap cherry, Scilla Sibirica
alba, Hepatica, Prunus Yedoensis, in bloom
Chionodoxa, Scilla Sibirica & yellow Narcissus

April 7, 1959 cont
are at their prime. The white & late
yellow narcissus are coming out.
April 8, 1959
We all (C. J. Dave, Clara & I) spent the day at the
Patuxent refuge looking at birds and at the
buildings. They are terribly crowded & need a new
building badly.
Dave & I duly went & tapped three azalea
viscosa, & 1 Sweet Bells, 1 Magnolia virginica, 2
ferns, 2 small persimmons & 3 or 4 beech.
We had dinner on the way home & got here
about 8 oc Run.
April 9, 1959
I got up early and planted all the stuff
from Patuxent in the nursery garden except
the two ferns which I put up by Stone pond
I also set out in the nurse beds by the
pond frames
10 Rhododendron hybrids } From Beds
10 Azalea arborescens }
3 of the Rhododendrons & 1 of the Azalea
were pared out of the containers and
were badly doled out.
I also potted the chrysanthemums
that were in the cold frames and also
5 that came from Julia Stuts nursery
Dave helped me with the chrysanthemums
replanted the bed & put enough new
plants out to fill the bed we made on the
curbe. We dumped a wheelbarrow
load on the compost
This afternoon the Tingle Nursery co
order came & Dave & I planted it
We put out
10 Citrus trifoliatas. in the hedge

April 9, 1959 cont)
5 Calluna vulgaris
5 Cyrilla racemiflora
5 Ilex pedunculata 2 ft +5 Berberis
1 " " " thunbergii
In nursery beds

It got up to 88° yesterday & the sun fairly pumped out of the ground
The following are in bloom for the first time
Claytonia, Erythronium & Violet in the Gardens
Hepatica, (many new ones) Shad bush, Jap Quince, Hyacinthus white grape hyacinths, Bloodroot in bloom
Hosta, Peonies & Lilies grew six inches in the week

Rained all day and in the afternoon while Dave & I were planting the Orange tree.

April 11, 1959.

Rained most of the day and I worked at the desk until eleven paying bills, reading material & sorting mail. Dictated some letters. About eleven I went out and started to clean up the garage. Dave joined me and we gave it a real going over, casting out everything, cleaning shelves etc - Dave also cleaned up the furnace room. Run Bonds filled all day

I transplanted 16 Savoy cabbage plants into individual pots.

But basket filled with manure

Stan

The package from Walter Marx gardens came & Stan, Bruce & I went down and planted 30 Marriqua Jap Iris at the west end of the drive. I only ordered 20 so the count was very generous.

The balance of the order is here but I doubt if I will do so in the morning

Two Whitehorses came today to feeding station

Tonight we skimmed 2 Purple Finches & 1 Mourning Dove that Peggy found in the air yard two weeks ago & put in the air freezer

April 12, 1959.
This morning was raw & at times a mixed sleet & rain.
I planted up along garden path
6 Lilium rubellum
6 " japonicum
6 " concolor
Put fertilizer (what I had left around the rhododendrons & azaleas.
Store put pine needles around the cypripedium & sawdust around other plants.
We went for a bird hike and saw
Towhee Wrench came yesterday I new
Ruby crowned Kinglet singing. I birds
Catbird the one was still here
other usual birds around the house & feeders. The owl was calling in midday today.
Dave & I got the rest of the parsnips & nearly froze our hands washing them.
I also put some corn cobs out in front of the house along the top of the wall.

April 13, 1959
Took C.J. to doctor and came home about 2:00 PM. Dave, Jim & I wandered about and got a mess of dandelion greens
Too wet to do any more outside. Had to go to a Park meeting and didn't get home until 11:00 PM.

April 14, 1959
Took Jane into the doctor again & came home about 2:30
Planted 2 # more of onion sets and next two chrysanthemums after dinner then Put them in front of the house

April 15, 1959

Cut Sprouts + pulled Honeysuckle in woods below cold frame + toted around the place anemone pulsatilla alleum + A patens in bloom also Hopa Crab, red leaved peach etc

April 17, 1959

Viburnum burkwoodi in bloom

Pulled some honeysuckle + cut some sprouts below cold frames.

Cash, Dave + I worked mucks I + mommy on the culvert under the drive trying to get it open I was all in by lunch time

Dave + Cash worked all afternoon at the culvert + still didnt get all the stuff out of it.

I went to Cappers + then got Steve + Bruce + came home.

Planted 14 early Jersey Wakefield Cabbage
3 Beauties Hellebores. in front of house
4 Heuchera sanguinea dbl stems
1 Kennilworth Ivy back of Kitchen
2 Peter Pan cuphea } in front of house
1 Centurea
1 Arabis alpina rosea

I was all in when I finished but we had a picnic dinner with Steve Bruce Martha + Doug.

Shine saw
1 Bloom Thrasher } first of year
1 Barn Swallow

Purple Finch's mostly gone about 4 or 5 left. Also Juncos are very few
American Plum in bloom

April 18, 1959

Hot & sticky. Woody & I planned to take Chris Reid & Bobs up to Bottle Lake but I learned from Meyer that it would not open until May 5= We tried Lake Fairfax and it wont open until May 15 so we came back home & the kid have had a good time fishing they. I've felt lousy all day & haven't done much Cash & Dean got the culvert open this morning.

Two plants came this afternoon from Carroll Gardens. They were the two ordered last year that didn't come

1 Declamanus (Wilds) along pond with one other
1. Centranthus rubra. (By docks)

Steve put pots over the 14 cabbage plants we put out last night & they served the purpose. They were not the least wilted tonight despite the fact the thermometer went to 85 today.

Put cabbage saray plants in the cold frame as it was too hot in the hot bed.

Whip poorwills came tonight & I enjoyed listening to them.

Aquilegia canadensis in bloom in Jepps garden

April 19, 1959

Steve & I went for a bird walk. Douglas went part way with us. We took the usual route & saw

1. Cooper Hawk 1
2. Turkey Vulture
3. Red bellied Woodpecker
4. Downy 1
5. Hairy 1
6. Yellow bellied Sapsucker 1
7. Flicker 1
8. Phoebe 2

April 19, 1959 (Cont)

9 Robin ser
10 Pfemmit Thrush
11 Cowbird
12 Brownhead Grackle
13 Crow
14 Blue Jay
15 Chickadee
16 Purple Finch
17 White breasted Nuthatch
18 White eyed Vireo
19 Parula Warbler
20 Maryland Yellowthroat
21 Meadowlark
22 Field Sparrow
23 White throated Sparrow
24 Purple Finch 8
25 Towhee
26. Cardinal
27. Goldfinch 1 in Summer plumage
28 Northern Water Thrush Singing
29 Starling
30 Catbird 1 skull hen)

Lots of Blue, white & Yellow violets on bottom Claytonia, Erythronium. etc
Blue Phlox divaricata, Polemonium reptans
Anemonella thalictroides in bloom, Many things coming up. Found two cattle plum trees on the plum Thicket and a lot more up on the hill towards Burnetts.
Divided & reset the Michaelmas daisies. Also put some along the road to the dam and gave Steve a lot for his garden.
Pulled quite a lot of honeysuckle.
Lots of Viola pedata out both farms
Vinnie & Gail brot the dinner out & served it for Clara's birthday. Vinnie brot a cake & Clara felt guilty for sitting around.
Steve & I moved the little Fothergilla that was by the dock down on the north side near the dwarf Red Dogwoods
We also got four small wild Plum trees and put them in the [illegible] by the [illegible]

April 19, 1959 (cont)

We had four bids Friday night and all six from noon Saturday until Sunday night.

Clara, Dare, June & I walked up to the garden after everyone left & I took the pots off from the cabbage plants. The stunt worked well & I left the pots there to put over the Savoy Cabbage when I put it out.

April 20, 1959

Went for a walk this am but saw no new birds.

Daffodils are at their peak now
Azalea just blossoms open
Leptomeduris both yellow & red open
Violets - white, blue & yellow are a show on the bottom lands. Fish Jack in this
Pulpit out this morning
Cut 2 stalks of Asparagus first of season

To night I stopped at Cappers and brot home
3 Helianthemum first of Many
1 Alyssum saxatile citrinum first of Two
& Primula to fill in primrose bed
1 Berberis Julliana up toward Garden
Pulled some Limey earlies
Put on dead of saw dust on Rhododendrons
+ azaleas yesterday at.

April 21, 1959

I went up to the Garden early and got a mess of rhubarb. Went to town To meet Betts Green. and while I was there ~~I found~~ Mrs Salyer came in with a bunch of miscellaneous onions sets for me

April 21, 1959 (cont)

I left the office about 11 30 PM and went to Fairfax and had Car given the 1000 mile check up

Came home & planted the onion sets and then spent the balance of the afternoon pulling honey suckle & poison ivy on the hill below the cold frames.

I also got the Crambe today & we had some raw like celery and the balance cooked like asparagus. Everyone liked it so I guess we have a new vegetable.

April 23, 1959

I went for a bird hike this morning but saw no new bird.

Now Myrtle Warblers & White throated Sparrow than previously

Northern Water Thrush !

I did a variety of jobs, planted some Asters at Peggys, replanted two Phylaeus and put out four Pangues Clara but my Picked the first green onions from the Garden

Pulled a lot of honey suckle & some poison ivy from the slope & bottom lands.

Put Sabbatia on more plants

April 24, 1959

Minnie but Bruce, Stephen, the two Schullgebergers & Mike Hertell out to camp over night.

April 25, 1959

I went for a short bird walk this morning but saw nothing new.

Steve saw a cuckoo, chimney swift & osprey today.

I planted wax beans, beets, kohlrabi, radishes & lettuce (leaf) this morning and Jeff's help we also planted two buds of marigold seed Incarnoflia, several packet of petunias and other flower seeds.

Picked a mess of rhubarb & Dave & I pulled a lot of honeysuckle on the bottom

Later Steve & I put out the water cress seedlings & planted more seeds & put sawdust around some of his plants & mine.

About 1 oo PM Steve who had been down in his garden came tearing up to the house saying the woods were afire. We all got buckets, hoes, rakes & shovels and went to work while Clara called the fire dept. They got it out quickly but we patrolled all afternoon pouring water on stumps & smoldering places. etc.

It burned mostly in Bob's clearing & in the area below the garden.

Many trillies & white pine are badly scorched, my two hoard plums my

April 25, 1959 (cont)

burned, about half] the peas & herbs that were up are killed. ~~and~~ all but four] the blueberries were scorches, two kind] the black raspberries, all blackberries & boysenberries and most] the red raspberries have their foliage scathed and I don't know what the damage was

Bruce & Bob were the last ones to come up there but they claim they put the fire out. Somehow it got away anyway & I'm worn out tonight from fighting it & watching it.

I was sure glad to see the fire dept come for I was giving out fast.

After the fire Steve & I replanted the herbs that had burned or were scorched. We had seeds left] most] them. (Chickadee nesting in garden box.)

April 26, 1959

Steve & I went for a bird walk this morning We were late getting started but I let him sleep for a while. Saw the following

(1) Osprey 1
(2) Red shouldered Hawk 1
(3) Barred Owl 1
(4) Mourning Doves 6
(5) Bob White 2 calling
(6) Downy Woodpecker
(7) Hairy Woodpecker
(8) Red bellied Woodpecker
(9) Flicker 1
(10) Phoebe 2
(11) Crow several
(12) Blue Jay 10-12

* equals first for season

April 26, 1959 cont

(13) Turkey Buzzard (2)
(14) Carolina Chickadee c
(15) Tufted Titmouse c
(16) House Wren 2*
(17) Carolina " 1
(18) White breasted Nuthatch 1
(19) Catbird 1
(20) Mockingbird 1
(21) White eyed Vireo 2
(22) Black & White Warbler 1*
(23) Prairie Warbler 2*
(24) Pine warbler 3 (1 col)
(25) Md Yellowthroat 5+
(26) Myrtle Warbler 1
(27) Redstart *
(28) Oven bird *
(29) Scarlet Tanager* 1 col
(30) Cowbird c
(31) Meadowlarks pair acting as tho they were nesting
(32) Towhee c
(33) White throated Sparrow c
(34) Cardinal c
(35) Field Sparrow 4
(36) Song " 1
- No purple finches this morning but there were two yesterday
(37) Sparrow Hawk 2
(38) Robin 3 or four
(39) Barn Swallow)
(40) Starling

Trilliums, Tulipe God Graeous and first Trilliums in bloom. Jack in the pulpit Common.
Viburnum lantana on our place not out but one on Burnetts hill in full bloom.
Cypripedium pubescens opened today
Lonicera zabeli "
About noon Stine & I went to Hollands water lily farm & got some Lotus for Lucs pond & 4 waterlilies. one pink & one Pink Opal & 2 odorata white for pond. and

April 26, 1959 cont'

1 Sunrise yellow, 1 Gloriosa (red) + aderata (pink) & 1 Pink Opal in my pond to replace those the muskrats chewed up.

We then went to Coppins & got 12 Salvia for the terraces, 12 of the annual morning flowers for the front of the house & 12 Red raspberries to replace those that burnt.

April 27, 1959

Clara & I picked a ~~large~~ mess of asparagus + some green onions before I left for the Office.

The trees were full of migrant warblers but only Myrtles, Black & White's & 1 Parula were about the house.

April 28, 1959

New birds

~~Yellow Throated Vireo~~

Acadian Flycatcher

First Iris - Rhododendron carolinianum - Trust

Cytisus reticulata, Iris verna + Iris cristata

Picked Rhubarb + green onions

April 30, 1959

I stayed at home today and after 2 made a bird trip Clara & I walked around the place admiring the dogwood & Viburnum lanata both of which are in full flower as are the Jacks in the Pulpit, May apples and a variety of rockets

April 30, 1959 cont'd

Dave + I pulled a few weeds in the garden + I thinned the Roquette + some of the mustard. We will soon have radishes big enough to eat. Put sawdust on some of the Lily of the valley + some other shrubs.

After lunch I put out a few glad bulbs and cut a few sprouts. It was hot + the bugs were so bad I finally came in the house + took a nap + then went + work at the desk.

Saw the following birds this am

1 Turkey Buzzard
2 Red shouldered Hawk
3 Bob White (heard)
4 Mourning Dove
5 King Fisher
6 Ruby throated Hummer (1 male)
7 Downy Woodpecker
8 Hairy "
9 Red bellied "
10 Flicker
11 Pileated Woodpecker
12 Barred Owl (heard)
13 Phoebe
14 Great crested Flycatcher
15 Crow
16 Blue Jay
17 Tufted Tit
18 Carolina Chickadee
19 White breasted Nuthatch
20 Mockingbird
21 Wood Thrush
22 Yellow throated Vireo
23 Yellow breast + Chat
24 Maryland Yellowthroat
25 Cardinal
26 Parula Warbler
27 Cowbird
28 Purple grackle
29 Meadowlark
30 Chewink
31 Cardinal
32 White throated Sparrow

April 30, 1959

(33) Tree Swallow } seen while eating
34 Myrtle Warbler } dinner out of doors
when Clara & Dave returned from seeing Jim
they brot the packages from Carrol gardens.
2 planted.

1 Franklinia } on rock
1 Cotoneaster salicifolia } dike
1 Gaillardia The warrior } on dike
1 " attraction } above pond outlet
1 Anemone hupherisis in pond terrace
1 Clumps witch hazel under other one
1 Satureja montana } in
3 Artemesia Silver Mound } herb garden

The plants were all good except one of the Artemesias was slightly mildewed & the Chinese witchhazel was a little wilted.

May 2, 1959

Stan & I went for a long bird walk & saw the following

-10 Turkey Buzzard
-2 Red shouldered Hawks we found the nest with the old bird setting on it
-(3) Bob white 1
-(4) Great Blue Heron 1
-(5) Mourning Dove 1
-(6) Kingfisher
-(7) Downy Woodpecker

May 2, 1959 cont

(8) Hairy Woodpecker
(9) Red bellied " "
10 Pileated " "
11 Flicker
12 Phoebe
13 Acadian Flycatcher
14 Kingbird * new
15 Crested Flycatcher
16. Crow
17 Blue Jay
18 Chickadee
19 Tufted Titmouse
20 White Breasted Nuthatch
21 House Wren
22 Brown Thrasher
23 Catbird
24 Mockingbird
25 Wood Thrush
26 Red eyed Vireo *
27 White " "
28 Cedar Waxwing * new
29. Myrtle Warbler a great migration
30 Parula " 3
31 Pine " 3
32 Md yellow throat 2
33 Ovenbird 2
34 Yellow breasted Chat 2
35 Blue gray Gnatcatcher * (new) 2
36 Redstart 2
37 Purple Grackle
38 Cowbird
39 Starling
40 meadowlark
41 Towhee
42 White throated Sparrow
43 Cardinal
44 Goldfinch (1 Col)
45 Indigo Bunting * new
46 Barred Owl
47. Purple Finch
48 Field Sparrow
49. Whippoor will
50.

I got nothing done around the place this morning since Steve & I decided to get back until 11 o'clock

May 2, 1959

I left at 12.30 & had lunch with Cecil Waly at Fairfax & then attended meeting of the county commission and discussed regional parks budget.

Dave Roberts & his wife & mother came with Fred Pochard & his wife for an outdoor steak dinner & 9 thereby they enjoyed it

May 3, 1959

I planted 12 big boy hybrid tomatoes this morning & looked around a lot for birds before Steve & Bruce got up.

Steve & I went for a bird hike from 10-12 and saw the following That we didn't see yesterday

11 Spotted Sandpiper (new)

-(2) Robin

-(3) Ruby throated Hummer

-(4) Summer Tanager * new

-(5) Rose breasted Grosbeak * new

-(6) Swamp Sparrow * new

Lots of White throats

-(7) Black billed Cuckoo * new

Lots of White throated Sparrows, Myrtle Warblers & Redstarts this Ann.

-(8) Tree Swallow

-(9) N. Water Thrush

-(10) Black & White Warbler

-(11) Pileated Woodpecker

2 below cold frames this afternoon

Clara & Dave went to see June & the kids & I had sandwiches etc & then showed & birds and I sat

May 3, 1959 (cont)

Steve + I planted 14 Savoy cabbage plants and I trimmed the grass + weeds in the Iris bed on the dike.

Steve, Bruce, Dave, Clara + I had a picnic dinner out of doors + it was a beautiful evening despite a few sprinkles of rain.

Bob + Vinnie came + got the boys about 8 oo PM

German Iris, Geranium sanguineum + Veronica in bloom.

May 4, 1959

Two wood ducks at on the pond while I was shaving (before 7) and they at least was still there feeding after 8 oo AM. Planted 3 Phlox as replacements from Brock

May 5, 1959

Saw 1 Black throated Green Warbler + new

Rose breasted Grosbeak still here

Dave + I planted String Beans, Kentucky Wonder Beans, Cucumbers, Summer Squash, Butternut Squash + 2 kinds of Peppers this morning.

Also replaced the burned sandbag on the ferry bushes.

May 6, 1959

Max Nicholson of London England + Mary Graham arrived for a brief visit at 6 15 AM. The Whippoorwills + Barred owls had ceased calling + left

May 6, 1959

about a half hour before they arrived we cruised over the plane + valley until about noon when we all came back + had breakfast

Saw the following birds

1. Turkey Vulture
2. Red shouldered Hawk
3. great Blue Heron
4. Barred Owl (heard)
5. Bob White 4
6. Mourning Dove
7. Downy woodpecker
8. Hairy "
9. Red bellied "
10. Kingbird
11. Phoebe
12. Acadian Flycatcher
13. Olive backed Thrush (new)
14. Wood Thrush
15. Wood Pewee (new)
16. Crow
17. Blue Jay
18. Carolina Chickadee
19. Tufted Titmouse
20. White breasted Nuthatch
21. Red eyed Vireo
22. White " 1 1
23. Myrtle Warbler
24. Pine "
25. Prairie "
26. Maryland yellowthroat
27. Parula warbler
28. Blackburnian 4 (new)
29. yellow breasted Chat
30. Cowbird
31. Catbird
32. Scarlet Tanager
33. Cowbird
34. White Crowned Sparrow
35. Field Sparrow
36. Goldfinch
37. Indigo Bunting
38. Towhee
39. Cardinal
40. Whippoorwill

May 6, 1959 (cont)
after they left I went to town & attended
Ted Nicholson lunch at the Cosmos Club, saw
June and Connie Lowe at 5th & Penn
Picked up 6 Bell pepper plants on the
way home and also the shipment of
Rhododendrons from Esch nursery
I put them in buckets to soak over night
as they were a bit dry.
5 Blue Peter & 5 Sappho mulch I
will plant up toward the garden tomorrow
Planted the 6 pepper plants in the garden.

May 7 1959
I went for a short walk but saw
no new birds. More Redstarts than yesterday
& the Rose breasted Grosbeak was up near the
garden this morning
Dave & I planted the Rhododendrons from
Esch Nursery that came yesterday. They
were beautiful plants with big balls & should not
know they were moved. They were far larger
than I ordered and express was 9.55 so
that they were a bargain for they would cost
3 to 3.50 each if bot that size they
and at least 2.50 from Esch. I figure
he was out of the cuttings & sent the
larger ones instead.

May 7, 1959 (Cont)

Dave + I got Clara Jane + brot her home about noon

2 Solitary Sandpipers about pond most of day

I put some peat around the Gable azalea and ~~pd~~ did some watering in the garden trying to get some of the grass seeds up.

May 8, 1959

I went to the office and after noon to Chorley Robinsons office to meet a Mr Coffee from Prince William County. I was late picking up the boys + didn't get home to do anything more than pick up the asparagus.

May 9, 1959

~~Start~~ + I made a bird walk but there were few warblers and we added no new birds. I was sure we heard a Kentucky but couldn't find him

We planted parsnip seed in the spot where they failed to come up + raked them in carefully.

This afternoon I went to Mount Vernon + with Cecil Wall went to see a Mr Robinson who offered to give us 150 acres of land for park purposes.

Gail + Woody here for dinner + didn't leave until 9 PM.

May 10, 1959

Bruce & I went bird looking this morning but saw no new birds. Dave saw redstarts Prairie Warblers yellowthroats, chats, Indigo Bunting etc. & I heard either a Kentucky or Hooded Warbler but couldn't see it.

Dave, Steve, Bruce & I spent most of the day cleaning out difficult run above the dam. It was dirty nasty work & I was tired when we finished.

Picked the first mess of poke today and a nice mess of asparagus.

Rhododendrum Bess Peter has been cut for several days

Fringe tree, Trollius & first Moth iris cut today.

May 16, 1959

Got home at dark last night from N.Y. & planted the slips from Sky Cliff Garden in VT.

1 Saxifraga decipiens rosea
1 calceolaria biflora
1 Sedum pulmata
1 Epimedium liliaceum
1 Saxifraga S.F. Wilson
1 amphaloides verna
1 Anemone ranunculoides

} above here

1 Iris tantalizer

} under apple tree path

May 16, 1959 cont

1 Primula farinosa
1 " Frondosa
1 " Lady Greer
2 " Cockburniana
1 " Sikkimensis alba

pond terrace & lower terraces

2 Sedum spathulifolium purpureum
1 " Anacampseros
1 " Globosum
1 Gentiana septemfida (substitute for farreri which I ordered)
1 " Asclepiadea

Imp 12 Meteor Hybrid Tomatoes Carne & Dare & I planted them this evening We 'Stere, Bruce & I spent most of the day helping with the swimming pool clean up & Dare helped in the afternoon

We went over to Hollands & got a dwarf pink & a dwarf yellow water lily. He also gave us a small tropical lily bulb - 2 Hyacinths (West Indian) & another lotus.

~~May 17~~ We had radishes, onions, spinach & asparagus from the garden last night

May 17, 1959

Many German Irs out. Am woefully We - Clare, June, Stere, Bruce & I) - went to Battle Lake fishing but caught nothing.

Transferred Raspberry, Blackberry & Loganberry

May 17, 1959 (cont)

Canes out & put some sawdust around plants that show signs of coming back. Pulled some poisoning along creek. & did a few odd jobs, Wrote letters, Leid some checks etc Tonight.

May 18, 1959

Stayed home & planned to dust the beans but it has rained slowly but steadily all morning. I did plant a few more Savoy Cabbage plants, pulled some radishes, & scattered some dusbcatheon & Iris seed.

In afternoon ~~Pulled~~ some poisoning; pulled a mess of poke & asparagus and put out six broccoli plants that Clara brot home.

May 19, 1959 Nighthawks come

When I got home Steve was here planting the order I mater plants from Beldts Aquarium. Clara & I both to town home

May 20, 1959

Clara & I picked a lot of asparagus & chard to can, & onions, spinach & tendergreens for the table. I dusted beans & put some more fertilizer on the Cabbage & lettuce and June & I picked some dandelions Later then Bell & I worked at the desk on Pr

May 22, 1959 Picked first Strawberries

I went to town yesterday for a meeting so stayed and came today. Clara, Dave, Jim & I went to Shamondale for a look see in the morning & I got Slim & Bruce in evening. It was hot & sticky in the afternoon. Slim got a big snapping turtle in the pond & the boys got two eels in the evening. Replanted some of the Compton

May 23, 1959

We went down to Occoquan Creek to try to go fishing but no boats. Fished a while from the bank but got only small blue gills & red bellied Sunfish

Cut some sprouts & trug & veg in the afternoon. Rained hard about 5:00 getting 1.80 inches in the rain gauge most of it in about 30 minutes

May 24, 1959

We put the ~~bark~~ sawdust back up on the trail, picked asparagus, spinach, green onions & radishes, pulled weeds on the pool terrace, clipped the grass in the iris bed in the duty and cut a trail around the lower propagating garden

I also cut some sprouts etc on the slope below the house & pulled some weed. Gail & Woody & kids out for dinner a belated day after the event.

May 25, 1959

Stayed home in AM while Clara took the car to Viena to get a haircut. June & Dan took Ford to get to town to look for jobs.

I cut some weeds on the bottom around some of my bushes, cut some sprouts and thinned and dusted the beans with Rotenone. Both I Flea beetles on them.

May 27, 1959.

I stayed at home and tried out a new sprayer I bot last night. Sprayed a big bed of Jap honey suckle & poison ivy and also put some on individual suckers between here & the garden.

Clara & I picked strawberries, cut the rest of the mustard greens, and bot rhubarb lettuce, and green onions down from the garden.

I replaced the mustard with a second planting of kohl-rabi. I also cut all blossoms & small berries from the Fairfax berry plants & cut down the dead tops of the Hawkeyes that got burned. All but two have started from the roots so the loss hasn't been too great.

The Bugs were terrible and they drove me in before noon. I took a nap after lunch & feel better. worked at desk all afternoon

May 29, 1959

Worked at home in the morning. I hoed the clay sanitheum bed on the dike and also the Jap Iris bed on the south dike. Clara & I picked strawberries & watered the parsnips.

I worked at the club the balance of the morning. Had lunch with Clara & then went to town to Office.

May 30, 1959

Spent the morning looking at Belvoir Reservoir with Mrs Hackman, Matt Heppock & Mr Buckley. Too hot to do much in the place but I did cut a few sprouts and Clara & I picked the first peas cut asparagus & pulled onions

May 31, 1959

Somewhat cooler. Stan, Bruce & I watered the blueberries & raspberries with paper netting; picked a big mess of spinach & pulled onions.

We also finished evening the azalea bed near the cold frame with sawdust.

I also cut some sprout

Everyone else for Christy's birthday celebration. Virginia made a very cut cake for tea

June 2, 1959

I stayed home but it rained all day & I wasn't outside except to go to the garden twice for stuff to eat. At 6pm the rain gauge showed 1.50 inches & it hasn't rained much since. Jim worked at the desk all day.

June 3, 1959

June & I picked peas & lettuce & dusted the beans this morning. It was wet & sloppy out.

June 16, 1959

We got home from the Wilson Alaska trip last night after driving 700 miles in two days.

I pulled the strawberries & weeded the garden & then put Jim down by the pond. Sue & I later in the day cut down the dead holly & dogwood when the boy burn was & trimmed off all but one new sprout from each.

Every one here for dinner last night but Pat.

June 17, 1959

Left early & took plants to Denver getting back to Washington at 8pm or June 19 didn't get home until after a dentist appointment. Took a map and then

June 17, 1959.
visited with Col Totman & wife.

June 20, 1959
Steve, Bruce & I got a place ready for Peggy's Tree Peonies. We also fixed a flat for Azalea cuttings and then Bruce, Dave & I cut the weeds on about half of the bottom land trails.

Slept late & then took the boys over to the Lily Ponds but Mr. Holland wasn't there.

June 21, 1959
Bruce, Steve & I finished cutting trails & then got Peggy's three plants and just then our Later we got a Douglas Fir, another peony, 3 English Hollies & 2 nice Hemlocks. I was all in when we finished & didn't do anything more.

Several hundred grackles flew up the Run tonight just before dusk and I saw three Chimney Swifts go into our chimney.

The Cardinal & Scarlet Tanager both sang about 8:30 P.M. The Tanager continuing some time after the cardinal quit

June 22, 1959
To Pria. June & Dave picked the first wax beans, black Raspberries & blueberries. Clara made a pie of the latter. We also had beet greens & picked the last of the onions

June 23, 1959

We all went to Shammodale where I finally got in touch with Mr. Nicely and he is figuring on a cabin for us.

It was hot & sticky up there

June 27, 1959

Steven & I dug & cut up the Hemerocallis flowers & he planted one & I two of them. We will dig & move others as I can.

We with Dorothy sprayed a lot of honeysuckle also pulled a lot of weeds.

Pulled beet greens & lettuce weeded garden & set out

25 Minima seedlings

12 Lobelia pumila ...

Made one flat of Azalea Cuttings

Took shine & bot him a spinning rod for a belated birthday present

June 28, 1959

Left for Portland at noon.

July 3, 1959

I got back at about 10:00 last night & worked around the place all morning cutting sprouts & with Dorothy help spraying poison ivy & honeysuckle

July 4, 1959

Cut sprouts - Trimmed out old Hardy raspberry canes & weeded. Rebel beans

July 4, 1959 cont)
& cut several heads of cabbage

July 5, 1959

Slight late - having a hard time getting adjusted to change in time zone.
Cut sprouts & picked more beans. Several more like in Thurs today.

July 9, 1959

Stayed home after two strenuous days
Cut sprouts, planted Ruta baga seeds
pulled last of turnips. Dave & Jim
picked beans last night.

July 10, 1959.

Rained this morning and everything too wet to work out of doors. Took boys & got a hair cut for them & me.
Picked the first ripe Tomato.
Steve & I planted 12 flowering rush along the old channel on his garden.

July 12, 1959

Cut sprouts a while. Worked the Belt & Bronze. Steve & Jerry got nuts a yellow jacket's nest & I got stung twice & Jerry once.
Steve, Dave & I cut the weeds along the old channel and up along the creek to Kozie Island. Later in the day

July 11, 1959 (cont)
Steve, Bruce & I went over to Turnfox Lake fishing. They charged us 3.00 to get in & 2.00 for a boat. We got one bass, one bluegill & 1 crappie

July 12, 1959
Cut sprouts for about 2 hours this morning & pulled a lot. Poison ivy started to spread on all afternoon but the boys went swimming anyway.

July 14, 1959
Pulled weeds, picked beans & cut some stuff that interfered with the view of the pond. Cut a few small crooked trees and trimmed lower branches from others.
weeded all the terraces. showed Peggy the garden & what to do while ~~she~~ we are gone.
Bob decided to buy a house on Staten Island & called this morning to say that they would move as soon as the deal was completed.

July 15, 1959
Steve transplanted some forsythia, Lilac and put a branch on the garden.
got two loads of sawdust delivered down by pond by a colored man named E. Williams -

Sept 3, 1959

We got home about 4ºº PM and found the place well grown up in weeds as we expected I pulled a few but felt too lousy to do much of a job.

Sept 4, 1959

Pulled weeds out of the nursery bed around the cold frame & out I half of the garden before going to the office.

Planted out the Cedar & Hemlocks I got from the lake. Put them on nursery bed and they should be ready to put out next fall.

Sept 5, 1959

The first day out of doors. Stores water lilies are beautiful - much better than those in the pond. His purple tropical is a fine blue.

Dave & I trimmed, tied etc the jungle of raspberry blackberry & boysenberry vines. It was a terrible mess. We also got much of the garden weeded & I picked the last mess of Kohl-rabi.

Planted in fall garden, radishes, lettuce, beets, carrots, spinach & turnips. Also sprayed the remnants of the turnips Peggy planted & the rata bagas with rotenone. They were badly chewed by flea beetles.

I cleaned Kohl rabi & beans the latter with Bruce's help while waiting for lunch

Sept 5, 1959 (cont)

This afternoon Bruce & I weeded the Jap Iris bed & Steve pulled the big weeds on the dike. Bruce also pulled the weeds & cut the grass in the bearded Iris bed on the dike & Dave & I did some weeding also Steve has also got most of the weeds pulled in his bog garden & has trimmed the weeds & grass around the picnic table.

Yellow billed Cuckoo
Red eyed Vireo
Blue Jay
} all very noisy today. Haven't had time to look for bird much

The place begins to look as tho some one lived here again but there is still plenty of work to do.

Sept 6, 1959

I repaired the wires holding the raspberries and planted 12 Cyclamen neapolitan bulbs

Then I weeded the lower terrace and then Steve & I moved & divided a bunch of named Day lilies. He put some over in his garden & I planted the rest in groups in the lower terrace

Pulled a few weeds. Dave hauled saw dust onto the lower terrace. So we are beginning to get some order in the place.

Sept 7, 1959

Steve + D moved the rest of the day lilies and put 4 azaleas out in his garden.

Dave hauled sawdust for the rest of the terrace. We were all tired by noon I rested some and then Clara + I got dolled up and went to Dan Jansen Jr's wedding.

We were both tired when we got home.

Sept 8, 1959

Got Ellen + Bruce on the 12.45 Penn Texas for N.Y. Were eleven years with me + both cried when we got from. Found a list of bulbs from Ben Jager + Sons

Sept 9, 1959

Watered seeds in garden + fenced radish + turnips fully up + some) Ky beets + spinach Starting Alma.

Planted

12 Crocus chrysanthus	Blue Pearl	in Terrace bed / Rose
12 Anemone fulgens	multipetalled	
12 Chionodoxa	Gigantea	
25 Scilla bifolia		on front border along pond terrace
25 Allium moly		
100 Muscari	Early Giant	

Sept 9, 1959 (cont)
12 Camassia esculenta on pond terrace
Sept 20, 1959.
Got home from Florida about 4:30 PM but too tired to start planting the Rhododendrons & Pieris that we got today at the Gardens of the Blue Ridge.
Gold & Woody & the kids here and we had a very nice dinner prepared by Jane
Sept 21, 1959
Watered the stuff in the cold frame & the garden & then went to work planting Rhododendrons & Pieris
Planted 52 Rho. Calawbense
14 Pieris floribunda
between the house & the garden
To make a hedge & wind-break.
By taking it slow I managed to get them all in but was mighty glad when Dave showed up to help dig the last 24 holes.
Sept 25, 1959
Got home at 5:30 from Zanesville Ohio where I gave a talk to help out the Muskingum Conservancy District. Allie Fuhs gave me a tomato or something supposed to be a cross between a mango & a tomato tho round made but plate. Butter

Sept 25, 1959 cont

Howard gave me a great big slab of bacon & a souvenier plate from Headley Dam & at a luncheon he gave was an Dec bowl 6 cocktail glasses, 6 old fashioned glasses and 6 highball glasses decorated with golden pheasants I stayed at Howards & ate at the Inn which his wife & her sister run. It is famous all over Ohio.

Sept 26, 1959

Slept late and it was 10^oo Am before I got to work outside. Watered all the Rhododendrons & Pieris which were put out on Sept 21. Also put sawdust around them all. With Dares help I got 100 white & 100 yellow ~~daffs~~ Narcissus planted up toward the Garden & also moved one Erica vagans & 4 Calluna vulgaris up toward the old wood wood entrance I put them in a spot from which I had moved four dayalies onto the pond terrace.

Tired as Hell when we finished at 6^oo P.M. as usual I've decided that I'll buy no more narcissus for naturalizing but I presume that as usual when they come up and make a great show over the spring I'll break down & order more

Sept 27, 1959

This is my 70th birthday & I feel fine except for a rash & some bug that makes me itch all over.

I spent some time watering chrysanthemums & other things & set out 5 Cyrilla racemosa below the septic field -

Spent the balance of the day fishing & shooting the .22 with Gail & Ted. We caught about a dozen small blue gills and buried them and then released two little bass into the pond. Clara gave me a watch and had a fine birthday cake for me.

Sept 29, 1959

Stayed home and worked outside until noon. Transplanted the Azalea cuttings & have two full flats & nicely rooted ones. There are over a hundred altho a few have rather poor roots. There are a few "Orange" and the balance about evenly divided between a white & a red one.

Also set out

5 Ilex pedunculosa near the tent and put one plant of a big Polygonum down by the marsh. Tripes for

Sept 29, 1959 (cont)
the old channel.
Dave picked the June 2 shelled a bag
more of Season peas today. They will
keep coming until frost.
Oct 1, 1959
Stayed home. It rained all night most
of the time a slow soaking rain which
amounted to 1.75 inches in the rain gauge.
It looks like its clearing up and that this
will be the total result of Hazel. I trimmed
the carrots this morning - the last job in
the full garden except picking beans &
tomatoes and pulling root crops.
Creek up a bit - enough so it is running
full tilt thru the overflow pipe in the
pond.
Oct 3, 1959.
Went squirrel hunting with Dave. He got
two shots but missed both. Fished a while
in the morning & the kids helped me cut
The afternoon we cut brush and a few
small trees between the house & garden
along the rhododendron & white pine
line I've planted up there.
Oct 4, 1959
Replaced missing asparagus plant with
stray seedlings. Cut brush & pulled weeds

Oct 4 1959 (cont)
on the lower slope & planted more sedums along the lower wall.
Took three seedling Scotch Broom & 1 Sonnera Maahi ones & planted them opposite our drive.
Gail & Woody here this afternoon & took the kids home
Oct 6, 1959
Stayed home & worked out of doors from 9^00 am until noon. Very hot & still & I was wet with sweat when I came in.
I dusted the small beds & carrots to prevent their being eaten entirely by flea beetles
Dug out of the flower beds about 4 or 5 Barberry seedlings & planted them out along the lower boundary in front of the mullein row.
Put a fungicide on the little azalea to stop mildew.
Clipped the brush & pulled seedling trees on the lower slope where I have the big bunch of Trilliums. It looks better than it has all year.
Oct 9, 1959
It rained hard & was very hot & sticky all morning. I have never seen it stay so consistently hot as it has this fall

Oct 9, 1959

Dave & I cut weeds along dike & I weeded the little nursery garden. Also cut a lot sprouts both on the bottom & about the house. Moved about 30 little barberries out along the road.

Moved a swallowtail Butterfly bush down on the dike and also the Red leaved Cotinus which wasn't doing any too well where it was. I put it down on the north dike

Oct 10, 1959.

I worked down on the slope with some help from Bruce. We cut several trees & some sprouts & trimmed up the trees Tot boggy but managed to keep going. Bob & family didn't get here until 2:00 AM & they were so wound up that we didn't get them all settled until 4:00 AM.

Oct 11, 1959

Geof. & I hauled enough saw dust to fill all the holes in the berry patch. and trimmed some sprouts up at the old white pine thicket

Oct 18, 1959

We returned home from the New England trip about 130

I planted the Narcissus, that Doris Barkley gave me up toward the garden & the dozen

Oct 18, 1959 (cont)

that Grace sent right in front of the house. Put two Ludwig Spathe lobes (that the Barshes gave us) down on the dike.

Also put 3 Witch Hazels, 2 Azaleas, 4 dwarf Euonymus and about 6 or 7 Myrica gale in the Starling bed at the cold frame.

Oct 19, 1959

I had planned to go to Exterior advisory Committee meeting but was sick all night & stayed in bed most of the morning.

Felt shaky but some better and thought I were out & down part of the afternoon we picked the last of the Kohlrabi and also pulled radishes & onions. Pulled some bean plants.

We transplanted 1 Shasta Daisy, 3 Hemerocallis, 2 azaleas & after Dave got here we moved 1 Crataegus prunifolia & 3 Ilex verticillata plants. Put the first on the dike & the other three below the road to the dam.

I also put sawdust on the primulas and around many of the shrubs on the dike. Also cut some sprouts.

Tired tonight but my stomach & bowels feel better.

Oct 20, 1959

Got home + had time to plant 1 dozen Dutch Iris bulbs below the outdoor fireplace + to cut some sprouts off the slope below the house

Oct 22, 1959

Stayed at home & slept late. Feel better than I have since Sunday.

Started to do a little work outside but it began to rain before I got much done.

Transplanted five shrubs that have not done well along Leeds road down on to the dike. They were

1 Jet Bead - on north dike low down

4 French Lilacs from along the drive on to the west dike. The place I had them was too shaded & they have grown little since I planted them on April 10, 1956.

1 President Grevy

1 Congo (very poor condition)

1 Vestale

1 Buffon.

I hope they do better down there.

Oct 25, 1959

Planted 2 or three witch hazel bushes in the nursery bed. I got them on Union Mill Road. Also set a dozen Viburnums dentatums up along the road and

Oct 25, 1959 cont

about a dozen Multiflora rose seedlings in the hedge.

Moved two Cosmos Stolonifera down below the west dike & 2 French Lilacs on the west dike with the others.

Oct 27, 1959

Got home at 1 30 am from a hurried trip to Chicago. Tired this morning & passed at rather slow going but did more fine Stewartia monodelphus in the woods below the north dike. These were Tinge nursery stuff and had grown well in the holding garden

1 Ilex pedunculata that was missed past in with the others above test.

4 Anemone Japonica & hupensis mixed more down into the pond terrace.

5 Rosa setigera down by the big hole below the dam. These are from seed that Clara & I gathered on Farm Island at Pierre on the Missouri river in April of 1956

1 Rosa (Scotch) seedling on the west side of the garden in the old felled gully.

I also cut a few maple sprouts & some small trees & painted the stumps with tree killer. Also cut a few sprouts below the test & cold frame.

Oct 28, 1959

Ed Campbell came with his truck & I had that all the wood is up there tonight.

Oct 31, 1959

Clarence Cottam was here overnight and we spent the morning walking over the place & then went to Plummers Island for the annual Oyster roast. When I got home Clara & I walked down to the dam and back.

Nov 1, 1959

I spent the morning doing little jobs. Pulled Tomato, squash & pepper plants; Put out a little lime, some bonemeal, all the bone meal I had on the flower beds.

also picked up the hoses and cut some sprouts.

Clara & I and Quirts folk attended the dedication of Brookfield Park, had dinner together & then went to the Hunter Valley Community meeting in the evening.

Nov 2, 1959

got home about 4 oc PM with a dozen plants. Put out four gaillardias in dirt, 2 Canterbury bells & 1 Sweet Rocket & 1 Coreopsis on the pond terrace and 1 Eryngium on the first terrace and 2 more Anemone pulsatilla with the other. Cut a lot of sprouts

Nov 3, 1959

Clara & I went early & voted. With Doug & Martha help we cleaned the leaves out of the gutters along Counter Creek way some I put in compost bin and some up along the west garden fence.

Also cut more sprouts. I have most I think done now except on the slope below the house.

Idictated an Audubon Talk & some letters today.

Nov 4, 1959

Stayed home. June & I planted 2 # of Onion sets - and brot onions & radishes from the garden.

I finally found my Holodiscus plant and put a stake by it & sawdust around it.

I had planted a smoke tree too close to it so moved it & cut brush & sprouts on the bottom. Warm & windy & I didn't feel any too well. Slept much of the afternoon.

Nov 13, 1959

I got back from New York yesterday but didn't get home early enough to do any nosing around the place.

Cash & Ed Campbell have part of

Nov 13, 1959 cont'd

by maple by the dam down & cut up but there is still a lot of work there.

I cleaned gutters & leaves about our driveway & the Scotts driveway and piled most of them against the west garden fence. Bob Scott helped me.

Nov 14, 1959

It drizzled all night & much of the day today. Despite that I got the leaves out of the garage, from around the house and out of the drive. About eight loads of them.

I also straightened up the cypress tree on the island. Muskrats had dug under it and I'm afraid they cut so many roots it may not live. I filled the muskrat hole with big rocks & covered it with dirt.

also more one day lily that had been planted in some Lycoris radiata.

Planted some yellow iris seed the rest gave me and put them in the cold frame in a pot.

Put a rain dust on the chrysanthemums on the dike.

Nov 22, 1959

I worked outside all morning. Cleaned the gutters along the road, raked the drive & around the house and put the leaves into compost. Jim's Dave

Nov 22
+ Sue (Dave's sister) helped.

Dave also helped me put compost around the chrysanthemums on the dike + dig the big + little forsythias on the slope where they were crowding the azaleas. We put some on our beds and some across on the edge of the road.

I was tired when we finished + didn't do anything more out of doors. Did pick the ducks

Nov 24-1959

Worked in house at desk all morning and also in after noon.

Nov 27, 1959

It rained 1.90 inches in the night last night and the creek was over the bottoms for the first time this fall.

Nov 28, 1959

Did some odd jobs like pulling honeysuckle on the lower slope. Got in wood + cut a few sprouts. Visited much of the day

Nov 29, 1959

Campbell lent me a lot of good well rotted sawdust + I covered much of the east edge of the pond with it, getting about 3/4 ths of the part finished that remained to be done.

Cold + rain with a chill north wind.

Nov 30, 1959

Down to 20° this am. Got home long enough before dark to get an axe & fix a fire & to do some mulching along the porch & lower terrace. The ground is frozen for the first time & I am putting the plants to bed as fast as possible.

Dec 1, 1959.

I worked at the desk until noon but after lunch went out & doors. It was very nice out & I planted Wando peas and Bibb lettuce in the garden. Also got some radishes, turnips & a few beets out of the garden. The celeraic had big tops but no edible roots so I dug it all & turned it up to the weather. Also pulled all the rutabaga plants. They made enormous tops but no roots. There were a lot of good turnips.

In the afternoon I spread more sawdust on the lower terrace, emptied the boat, took leaves off the overflow pipe, cleaned the inlet pipe which was completely clogged and put some leaves over it & mud into the. Steves garden water hose was far too low. Took a mushrat out of the trap in Steves garden & baited it resetting the trap.

The state crew finally graded the road today - the first time it has been worked and what mud was turned over to them

Dec 6, 1959

I got home about midnight from Stuttgart Arkansas last night about midnight

This morning I rolled about 10 bales of hay & I drew down from Bobs lot and piled them by the garden gate. Picked the remaining spinach and put it in the house.

Dec 6, 1959 (cont)
and then Dave & I planted about 20 little white pines on the two windbreaks Dave has developing.
Dave & I then built the trellis for Steve climbing rose & mine for the Schizophragma hydrangea vine. We also spread some sawdust on the narrow terrace, leaving the larger ones to be covered with the great pile of compost that I have worked at the dash in the afternoon.

Dec 14, 1959
Claire & I got home about 9:15 last night bringing with us a nice 6 foot tree I Taber III ax stolen & American Holly that Herb Mills gave me. I got home from tea & the compost early enough to plant it & also had time to see what if anything had happened to the maple. Sam & apparently Ed Campbell & some one else has been here since it is pretty well cleaned up.

Dec 15, 1959
Down to 22° last night but very nice today I put 8 sacks of bonemeal on the garden & apples (ten bales) hay on the garden. It will take at least 15 more bales to cover the garden adequately.
Dash & Ed Campbell were here both yesterday & today. They finished cleaning up & cutting up the big maple by the dam and have the big dead tulip down & partly cut up. I helped carry some brush and this afternoon Dash & Alex opposite Crownsberry & planted trees down by pond.

Dec 16, 1959
I was out for about 3 hours this morning during which time I hauled compost and covered the three beds below the house. The bruces are all bedded down for the winter and I have only those above the kitchen & up toward the garden to do. Worked at desk a while & have to go to town this afternoon.

Dec 19, 1959
Intended to mulch some more of the garden but the hay has not been delivered yet and it's too windy to handle leaves.
Hauled a little wood & planted 4 sycamores that I raised from seed gathered at the Pentagon. I put one close to the old maple stump above the dam and three about the big brush pile.
My hay came in the afternoon and I got most of it distributed on the garden before I had to quit to go to a cocktail party at the Scotts. We had a nice time and met so many people

Dec 20, 1959
I was tired and didn't make up until 8:30 Clara was already up and fed the birds.
After breakfast I cleaned up the furnace room and garage in anticipation of the holidays. Dave got around to help on the last end of the job. We burned quite a lot of stuff.
We then cleaned the gutters getting two sacks loads of leaves which we put on the garden. While Dave was doing that ~~we~~ I scattered all the hay left except one bale that is to go

(Dec 20, 1959 cont'd)
where the parsnips are now. I also dug all the salsify getting enough for one good mess which we had for dinner
We then threw over the fence all the leaves we had piled against the west garden fence and scattered them from the garden then all the berries and elder covered them with straw to keep them from blowing. The leaves must average better than 10 inches deep over the whole area.
We have had more chickadees, woodpeckers Nuthatches & mourning doves this last few days than ever before.
This morning there were purple finches Cardinals, chickadees & nuthatches on the tray at one time. I also saw 5 doves on the suet tree at once.
Several blue jays and lots of Juncos, White throats and a few Song Sparrows were on the ground when I got up.
The male red bellied woodpecker & two hairy woodpeckers came while we were eating dinner.
Dec 23, 1959
I worked at the desk all morning first dictating mail & then working on the McKays Snow Bunting story for Reuto Soft Histories
After lunch I went out of doors and burned a big bunch of trash, dug the last batch of parsnips and put them on the ground, cut Xmas greens for Clara. The rose-mos berried holly but the Ilex verticillata was pretty good and I cut a few branches of that. Got in wood for a few hours & left up the Xmas tree.
It never got above 30° today and was 15° last night. Very coldest night this winter so far. My feet & hands were pretty

Dec 23, 1959 (cont'd)

cold before I finished outside & I was glad to come back to the desk. I labeled the birds I got last year at Blue Sea & the one Pahoa ringed Teal I made up after Thanksgiving

Dec 25, 1959

We had all 7 Brasfields & had a good Xmas We all went to gail for a little while in the afternoon and brot Doug home with us so he could try his rifle. a new Sky Lon 66 Remington

Dec 26, 1959

I took the car to have it serviced yesterday morning and then finished putting compost on the beds above the house except for two that I dont want to up set in. I will spread sawdust mulch.

I also planted dozen english hollies out along the road below the drive. I hope they will both get enough shelter and enough sunlight to live & set berries

Dec 27, 1959

It rained some last night but broke clear & warm today.

Steve & I filled up the muskrat holes in his garden & set the posts for their target range.

I also hauled sawdust & put around all the bush cherries along the dike.

Also hauled sawdust & put on the east beds above the house & cleaned up the mess around the trash burner.

I hated to come in but my feet & legs got tired so I did just before Bob & Vinnie left to go back to N.Y.

They left all the kids here with us

Dec 31, 1959

Got back from Eastern Shore a[illegible] 30 PM
with 11 ducks - 2 widgeon, 1 Redtail & 8 mallards
and 3 geese. ~~Now surprised that I shot~~
~~the muskrat that had been running~~
~~in the pond.~~

We picked ducks & geese all morning
and I put out 3 Myrtle Oregon &
3 Azaleas that we got from the Eastern
Shore. Uncle Broaddus Hogan & daughter
& family & friend called & I drank
get a[illegible] else done

Clara & I celebrated New Years eve
by drinking a glass of wine together

Jan 1, 1960
Steve shot a muskrat in the pond today and I hope he is the one that has been digging up my little island.
Bruce, Steve & I picked all the ducks & geese except a mutant which he wants to get mounted.
Lucile Broadwater Horgan, her daughter Peggy and her boy friend manned Brad's ranch here a week! I suspect he wants to marry Lucile
I planted 3 Myrica & 3 azaleas that Ig put from the Eastern Shore

Jan 2, 1960
Steve & I looked over the place after he put out his traps.
Saw & evening grosbeaks in a tree by the pond.
I started up by the garden cutting up the trees Cash has had down for so long I succeeded in splitting six pieces of the largest one by taking it easy. Ollie has Wade Bost & his sister formerly were shopping.

Jan 3, 1960
Steve, Bruce & I finished cleaning ducks & geese today. They left about 1:00 pm & I should get Steve before too late
I put compost around all the special rhododendrons along the upper garden trail & then hauled two loads of compost further toward the garden. It will take quite a lot more to finish getting for
Mary helped me a while & we got all the biggest rocks & put 2 the next one cut up. I also dug 2 privets out & put a patch of the orchard mint

Jan 3, 1960 cont
to plant to better berry bearing valley
The chore is shredding yet tomorrow

Jan 9, 1960

Got home about 11:30 on a clear warm day & walked up mail. After lunch Clara & Jim went shopping & I planting about 20 little black hill spruce. Some on slope below woodpile - Some below drive where the old dogwood died and the balance up on the hill adjoining my white pine tract.

Also sawed some wood and got some work started on the holly patch on the burn

Jan 10, 1960

A beautiful spring like day but I worked all morning at the desk cleaning up the mess / mail that has accumulated since Xmas

In the afternoon I sawed up & piled all the wood that didn't need splitting and got most / the strip spaded for the blackberries etc. Let it stand & freeze a few days for a while before I do anything more with it

Also grubbed some gum & sassafras sprouts. Dave helped a while

Worked on memo tax for a while in evening.

Jan 11, 1960

Cash came to work & I put him to work spreading up in the garden and Ed came later to work out what he owed me.

I went to Tom & got back at 4:00 PM put sawdust around the holly & dogwood that have sprouted up since the fire

Also put sawdust around some of the rhododendrons on the upper garden path

Jan 12, 1960
Put out mouse poison along the south garden fence before it started to rain. Tried Glenn's Research, visited with Gail & spent the rest day at the desk.

Jan 16, 1960
I worked at the desk dictating mail all morning and worked in the afternoon out of doors.
I put two dogwoods up by the berry, put fertilizer on the lily & the valley and all the rhododendrons on the slope, plus cut some brush. Jane put the one bale of straw that I had out on the burn.
Gail & Woody brot Martha & Doug out to stay all night & I took them down to the target range with Doug's Nylon rifle.

Jan 17, 1960
We shot the rifle a while & then put in two spells clearing roots out of Bobs driveway. We got quite a piece done and if I can get any Lespedeza Sericea Lei plant it there. It will make a nice cover for the quail & help keep down the seedling trees.

Jan 19, 1960
I stayed home and spaded a little more along Bobs drive & plan to put some horse radish roots there. I also grubbed out more sprouts in the drive so as to plant Lespedeza Sericea
I have the seed and I also have 10 bales of straw up there ready to put around the holly trees
Drained the pressure tank & reset one of the lines muskrats chgs

Jan 22, 1960
I Stayed at home but it was bad to work outside. There was a heavy wind and I tried twice to put straw out over the berry and gave it up both times.
Ed got up a supply I wood for the fire place and got out and sack of fertilizer in spite of the wind.
Pond poles over Solidly and Cash & Ed both working on a bbo bottom on the dead tree
I washed some with them and then at the desk. I dictated one article to Jean on Gulls for Alaska Sportsman.

Jan 23, 1960
Clara & I went to Charles Town this morning to see James Nicely and arranged to build a trestal rails at Shannondale. We then went to the Club & had lunch win the trophy won before we ~~had lunch~~ came home.
It was cool & rain all day but after we returned I finished spreading the straw up on the hill. Cleaned two racks & leaves out of the gutters between out & Enders & Bodo & cut a few sprouts
about 5:00 PM B.T phoned & said Stephen was on a bus traveling this way and would arrive about 9:00 PM.

Jan 24, 1960
Clara & I worked up by the garden for about 3 hours.
Clara cut the two little white pines that were too close to the garden, trimmed them up and cut them for wood.
I put sawdust over the area spaded for blackberries

Jan 24, 1960 (cont)
and we both grubbed sprouts out of Bdbedwire
We also built several bonfires for the
rabbits & burned by cutting & kindle piling the
dead stuff killed by the fire.
I landed some blue racks for Steve and
he cut them all but one. He did come to
take a second shot at 3 or 4.
Cold & cloudy but the wind wasn't so bad
as yesterday.

Jan 27, 1960
Steve & I went to Arthur Godfreys place
& shot with his manager, Sam Pinson and
a man by the name of Kent manager of the
Southern States Coop in Purcellville. He
is a neighbor & we shot on his place as
well as Godfreys.
The skeet I was billed 3 squad 6 shots got
six. He really did exceptionally well.
It started to rain just as we got ready to
start for home

Jan 29, 1960
Jimmie & I flew to Newark to go to Dicks
funeral. Mike, Vinnie & Charlie met us &
took us to Guys. We came back to Newark
with them & caught a 4 35 plane back. We
had parked the car at the airport & made
it home by seven
We were both tired & Jo was cranky
Went to bed.

Jan 30, 1960
Washed some dishes. Munched with
Jimmie & had tea a mug. We also got some
medicine for Dad.
I mowed outside a while during chores
around the house before lunch

Jan 30, 1960 (cont)
In the afternoon I planted 4 Barberry
thunbergii plants up by the garden and
also put a row of blackberries down along
Bobs lot. They are so stachy they should
make a good hedge.
I came to the house & put compost on
the flower bed south of the drive.
Jan 31, 1960
A rabbit at the feeding station this am
10-12 cardinals there almost 2 of each
this year.
Evening Jayhawks flying over.
I got up wood for a fire and then
went about 10 dog trots up by the
garden. I planted 3 on our place & the
balance on the burn on Bobs lot
I also cut down two black gums that
were too close to the east side of the garden
& painted the stumps with Weedone.
Sawed up Black tree & 1 pine that
blew down
Also dug bushes & cut sprouts some
more on Bobs drive
Worked at desk in the afternoon

Feb 2, 1960
Spent all morning taking Clara to the eye
doctor. He says she can have an operation
any time now & she plans to do it when
we get back from Dallas.
I worked at the desk in the afternoon
getting cleaned up for our trip to
the Southwest

March 10-1960
We got home from the wildlife conference today. After stopping for groceries we got to the house about 5 o'cl. Only enough for me to shovel snow off the front walk. apparently about 8 inches fell last night and to add to about the same amount that fell last week & had melted little. June says the crocus snowdrops were in full bloom on Feb 27 before this series of manor storms started. Dave has had to use chains for 10 days now & June had to get some for the Olds before she could meet us. Main roads are clear but back roads are not.

Mar 11, 1960
Got to Jice & secured mail. Had no trouble except new chains broke all up before we got home.
3/ Evening Grosbeaks on window feeder this am the first I've seen there altho I've seen & heard them occassionally on the woods

March 12, 1960
I took Clara marketing this morning & had no trouble after we got out of the drive.
After lunch I went outside & found about a foot of snow in the woods - more in the open where it drifted.
I shoveled walks & paths and hauled wood up on the porch. Also went down to see what Cecil & Ed had accomplished. They have all the wood cut in the bottom except a few pieces and now have all this at the house cut and piled.
We have more than enough wood for the rest of this winter & next winter too

March 13, 1960

Still Cold & Raw with a chill north wind and a maximum temperature (about 34°. The snow settled some but melted little and it is still about a foot deep in the woods

I worked at the desk most (the day & got a lot) mail cleared up.

Sid (and some wood up & with Dave help clipped snow & ice off some) the drive. We should have little difficulty getting out now.

Jack Durham & Ray Tasburg were here for a while to talks about Great Falls

Mar 15, 1960

at Army. Took car to be serviced. Worked at desks. Saw big flocks) migrant Robins

Mar 16, 1960

Came home from office in a heavy wet snow. Had no difficulty but before the snow finally stopped ~~it~~ six inches had already been added to the existing blanket.

Mar 17 1960

Shoveled snow off walk and out (drive enough so we could get out. Worked at desk (balance) the day.

5 Evening Grosbeaks & a Towhee were added to the big collection (Jays, Mourning Doves Juncos, White throated Sparrows & Cardinal and Purple finches ... Rare at the feeding tray.

We only have 1 Flicker, 2 Red bellied Several downys, 2 Crow (the first that they have (starling) Tufted Chickadees, White breasted Nuthatches, Birds

Carolina wrens 1 1 Mockingbirds

March 19, 1960

Clear and bright. The warm day yesterday took off most of the snow in the open but there still is 8-10 inches of packed snow in the woods between here and the garden. There is more in some of the drifts. It is nice enough to work outside & I will do so this afternoon. In the meantime I must get the desk work done this morning.

I went up and got some sphagnum for seed pots and walked about some this afternoon. Also sawed some wood & did a little work at the desk.

The yellow winter crocus was in bloom when the snow came. The snow has melted enough to reveal the red blossoms and some new buds.

March 20, 1960

Cloudy but temperature at about 40 for several hours. Two brief snow squalls but the sun shown part of the afternoon.

I packed some wood & sawed up the rest of the stuff here at the house. Also split some stuff that was too large to handle.

Dave helped a while but there is still too much snow to do any of the work really needed.

Gail & her family here for dinner and to spend the evening.

March 24, 1960

I worked outside for a while this morning, pulling up brush, culling sprouts etc. Also put Ed & Cash to work on some small jobs. The early species Crocus down by the pond are all out except Tarvely, Snowdrops have lost flowers & the snow is melting rapidly. Bare ground in sight

March 24, 1960 (cont)
over much of the place & half the garden
is clear. I know.
June & D took Clara to the hospital
this afternoon & she will have the cataract
removed from one eye tomorrow. If all
goes well the other one will be done in about a
week.

March 25, 1960
Clara had her left eye operated on this
morning. June & I saw her toward during
the day and the doctor said the operation
was fine, she was dopy.
I called Gail, Bob & Joan to tell them

Mar 26, 1960
The snow is all gone but the patches and
I dug 12 holes for plants this morning
also hoed around & trimmed a little
bush.
Went to town to see Clara & when we got back
there was a pair of wood ducks on the pond.
Yellow Dutch Crocus out today. Many spears
tulips up today and also many narcissus

March 27, 1960
I stayed at home. worked at the desk and
dictated a lot I stuff to Dave.
Dave & I planted 4 dogwoods 2 Viburnum
around the burn area up by the garden.
I cut a few sprouts, removed a lot I label
and did a number I small chores.
Planted 2 4 I onion sets. Many I have dug
& I planted last fall have been cut off by
mice or mice under the hay. I don't know
how this will work out but the small
mammals have had a ball there this winter
under the hay and snow

March 27, 1960

Bulbs are coming up all over the place and they were eight blossoms on the Narcissus minimus this morning.

Mickens was here with a flying squirrel that he caught in his attic.

March 30, 1960

We had a lot of purple, lavender, and white crocus in bloom this morning. Rainy & drizzly, before we left. Went to NY on 63rd Plaza

March 31, 1960.

We didn't get back until Dick Ford & Valeant until after dark.

April 1, 1960

Lots of Crocus, about 6 or 8 daffodil, a few Narcissi cernuum, & Iris reticulata and a Dwarf iris. June & I didn't get home until nearly 7 so didn't get out.

Found 8 Lily gold Bands from Field Seed Co & the big alder & stay from Robbins will stay home & plant them tomorrow

April 2, 1960

1	Azalea Canescens 18-24 in	By pond
10	Azalea vaseyi 12-18 inch	not here
25	Rhododendron catawbiense 4-6 in	By Cold spring route
3	Panax quinquefolia	2nd row in woods
10	Phlox divaricata	not here
10	Mertensia virginica	along drain below cabin
1	Dryopteris acrea	over near lower pond
10	Shortia galacifolia	with others on slope
25	Galax aphylla	" " " "
3	Trillium grandiflorum	on lower slope

April 2, 1960 (cont)
After I got the plants out I planted seeds, I planted Peas, Fava Broad Beans, Parsnips, Beets, Salsify, Lettuce Radish, mustard, Kohl-rabi, Savoy Cabbage and Spinach. I was tired by the time I finished this and came in house about 2:30 PM. Also planted 2 rows of turnips

Got ready & made a trip to town to see Clara. She had her second operation this morning and was quite easy compared to the first time.

① Canada Goose. Three flocks flew north along the river today. One bunch, I about 50, one 20 and a third that we lost my count as I was talking on the telephone.

② Phoebe. 2 here today

③ Kingfisher 1 - the first since I got back.

narcissus cyclamineus open today

Chionodoxa

Scilla sibirica

April 3, 1960

It rained steadily all day & the Run is way up. I didn't do a thing out I does but did clean up a dot I work lately dash. Gail & Ben & family here for dinner and Dave & June went to see Clara. She is fine today and able to listen over the bed.

April 5, 1960

I had hoped to plant some plants this morning but it rained hard all night & the creek is all over the bottoms this morning The water is as high as I've seen it since we built the dam. The rain gauge said 1.60" at 7:30 and it was still raining

April 6, 1960
Stayed at home to plant stuff dear cold
and wet with a sour north wind.
Planted 5 Azalea roseum by cold frame
5 Bald Cypress down along old channel and creek
1 Xanthoceras sorbifolia South end West dike
These were nice plants from Green Ridge
Nursery
I also planted
2 Red Tree Peonies on the North Slope
1 Red - No - Kagura
1 Light Scarlet No Tsubaza
2 Rem Leafed Peonies (Red) on Pond Terrace
These from Asha Gardens
8 Lilium gold banded among Rhoesson
Pond Terrace (Field seed Co)
15 Montbretia (Burpee) on pond terrace
South side dikes.
Mixed Aster Nova Angelia (made 2 plants)
and 1 pink one over with others
along pond.
April 8, 1960
I got out early and planted the plants
that Thompson gave me when I went on Tuesday night.
1 huge Azalea probably calendulacea below
the dam toward the cold frame
6 Azalea Cuttings } In beds by cold
4 Boxwood " } frame
3 big Clumps Galax on slope with others
15 Cardinal Hellebores across drain from pond
Put them in 3 clumps to make
Trichet.
After finishing this I did several little
odds. I planted Cottage & Carrot seed
transplanting about a dozen seedling Barberries

April 8, 1960 cont
to a spot out along the road, cleaned the grass out of some of the iris on the dike and seeded the spot where the muskrat caused the cave in on the dike.
Anemone blanda, Korean Rhododendum Shortia galacifolia, open flur first blooms today and shmid Cabbage, Spring beauty and Erythronium leaves are thru the ground on flowers yet tomorrow.
I also got the grass all pulled out from around the big bed I dug on the dike.
April 9, 1960
We had Doug + Martha last night and this morning they piled and plot the mpos.
In the afternoon I went to see Clara and arranged to get her tomorrow. Didnt get a thing done around the place except to put out about 7 Cabbage plants. and do the regular chores.
apul 10 -1960
went after Clara and didnt get home until noon.
Shot with Cpals bird.
Put out mouse poison on slope + in garden
apul 11, 1960
when I got home tonight there were 5 packages of nursery stock. I unpacked it all + got it into water and got started planting but only spent a half hour before dinner. I then had to go to a Northern Va regional Park Authority meeting and didnt get home until 11:30 pm

April 12, 1960

Up at 6am, got Clark's & my breakfast & dressed
Chas up. Then put out plants.

From Breeds
3 Climbing Strawberry plants in garden (all died)

From
Barkhausen Gresham Ave
about 30 Polyanthus & Arabis mixed
plants in bed above house

From Spring Hill Nurseries
2 Magnolia nigra ~~under~~ behind
2 Lycorus aurea ~~on pond~~ behind terrace
2 Centranthus rubra ~~pond~~ terrace
1 Vitex macrophylla on drive
1 Blue Mist Spirea ~~pond~~ Pond Terrace
3 Dark Knight "

From Kelley Nurseries
1 Ilex Cornuta along drive
1 Azalea purple Splendor below tent
1 Sargent Crab
(died) 1 Purple leaved filbert } on drive
1 Red twigged Dogwood }
(one died) 3 Rugosa roses
1 Elaeagnus multiflorus was not in order but Ken was
1 Red flowered Spirea } below drive
1 Japanese Aralia } South
From Fruit tree Nurseries Hershey Rd
(died) 1 Washington Thorn (north drive
2 Persimmon trees 2 will put on the bottom beyond drive. Died or ran off

Tulips bottom } both mixed
1 Darwin hybrid } bloom this morning

5 Spring beauties out front

April 12, 1960
Claude + I met the fish truck & we planted about 250 rhododendrons both above + below the dam. They ran from 8 to about 14 inches in size and should make some fine display.
The trees had thrown the mulch and I was myself out pushing on it so much so that I didn't do much except a little marketing in the afternoon

April 13, 1960
Put out more more peren as they had eaten up most of the stuff I put out the other day.
Also took the pots off from the cabbage plants put out on April 9.
Lots of Spring beauties out; first trilliums bloodroots and forget-me-nots blooming out on slope
Carl here and working on getting place ready to plant Lespedeza on Bob's drive
We got home from town about 3:00 PM
bringing the Tingey Nursery order
2 planted with Carlos help
3 Red Heavyberry Ilex opaca } in place
5 — Taber No 3 " " } of fixed pots
them
5 Cytisus praecox on slope by other brooms
5 Viburnum dilatatum on drive
These were tough 4 foot plants that required a lot of digging to get them planted
1 Male Ilex pedunculosa with others
The fine Malus sargenti that I ordered didn't come and perhaps will charge Viburnums were to make up for them

April 15th
First Northern Water thrush

April 13, 1960 (cont)
Also the Buck dozen Rhododendron hybrids came but I was too tired to do anything with them tonight. Will plant them in the morning.

April 14, 1960
The way side garden order came today cut I planted the Black Rhododendrons this morning near the cord frame.
The spice bush & shad bush are out.

April 15, 1960
Helped June move to 1706 Hill Street, helped her do some shopping before I came home
Carb helped me plant
3 Hugo Hippophae rhamnoides berries. Dont know how hardy. Up by garden
1 Tamarix Summer Glow on east
1 Colchicum autumnale side garden
1 Hydrangea petiolaris near house
Carb also helped me strong out the trees to the garden. I did not touch the seeds and watered the plants we put out tonight
Also 2 Species tulips. The wind & heat today were very hard on the Narcissus

April 16, 1960
The boys caught 15 trout this morning Steve got 10, Bruce who insisted on fishing with a fly got 2. 2 escaped and while showing Jeff how to fish.
Later in the day Steve got 1 and so did Bob Scott and Stan got 5 more. On my count,
I watered the garden and did a few chores and went with Wesley & Bob to take stuff to June's. Also did Mr. Peters

April 19, 1960

I finished putting straw around the little trees we put out the other day I also watered them and the Tamarix, Escallonias & three Hippophae rhamnoides that Cash & I put out on Friday. Also watered these shrubs

Steve & I seeded Bobs drive with Lespideza and bird seed.

Put peat around the Viburnum Dilatatum planted on the dike.

Talked to Meyer a while.

Put straw on the lower garden paths Used 5-6 bales.

Rose & Irma Leffler came for a while to see us.

Saw 2 Chipmunks today & Stephen shot a big ground hog in the den down the hill. 2 to the post are in 2 years

1 Caltha palustris in bloom today

1 Tulipa sylvestris out today

Steve heard a whippoorwill tonight

April 18, 1960

I went to town for a while & attended the Water Conservation Stamp luncheon

Came home and planted 7 broccoli plants and put up the Kleppety Klop windmills in the garden

also took Abigail & the kids home

Slick Saw

Tree Swallows

Chimney Swift today

and saw a Hawk flying along the river too about 4 inches above me.

April 19, 1960
at home but didnt get much done. Took Clara to the doctors and he said she was doing fine.
I also took the boys over to Vienna and let them buy some spinners & flies. I also bot got a spinning rod.
Did plant 2# onion sets by moving the hay & throwing them on the ground and covering them lightly with hay.
Also planted 7 hills perennial broccoli
Set out min growing beds all the Azalea cuttings we had. There were some nice ones & some that were pretty spindly
Pulled quite a dot of honeysuckle in bottom.

April 20, 1960
Steve reports he saw on the place.
- Great Blue Heron
- Wood Ducks 4m
- Maryland Yellowthroat
- Chipping Sparrow
Hairy Woodpecker

April 21, 1960
2 Kingbirds in Hunter Valley on way to Vienna

April 22, 1960
Steve Bruce & I went for a bird hike. Didnt see anything new
- (1) Barred Owl 1
- (2) Downy Does 3
- (3) Downy Woodpeckers 4
- (4) Hairy " 2
- (5) Red bellied " 2
- (6) Phoebe 4
- (7) Crow 1
- (8) Blue Jay many
- (9) Chickadee 6+
- (10) Tufted Tit 4
- (11) white breasted Nuthatch 1
- (12) Robin 1
- (13) Pine Warbler 2
- (14) Md Yellowthroat 4+
- (15) Cardinal 2

April 22, 1960 (cont)

(16) Grackle 3 ser
(17) Red wing 1
(18) White throated Sparrow
(19) Chipping " 2
(20) Cardinal 2
(21) Purple Finch 2

After breakfast I took Clara to the hair dresser and while waiting for her went to Coppers & got a bench & plants

Came home & with Jerry help I set out
12 Geranium petunias in front of house
12 Scarlet sage below house
1 Chinese forget me not with the others
2 Trying back of house
1 Bleeding heart by ducks
2 Lychnis chalcedonia } on pond Terrace
2 Campanula blue
1 English daisy
2 Funkia variegata on lowest terrace
2 Platycodons with others

They gave me one sage plant which I will put up in the garden with the others.

We had a picnic lunch & used the grill for the first time this year

April 23, 1960

Took Clara to do the marketing & did a little watering & plants just put out. Got a few & many plants in full bloom & will put them out longest when it gets cooler.

This order from Bay Cliff Gardens came & I put the plants out. All looked good & healthy.

Bar Harbor
1 Lobelia trigonalis along high bank on back way
1 Anemone sylvestris
2 Pulmonaria saccharata } Jim took along this garden Collector

April 23, 1960
1 Lewisia tweedyi } In terrace wall
1 Saxifraga pyramidalis } Chrysanthemum bed
1 Thymus citriodorus aurea } In herb
1 Artemesia abrotanum } garden
1 " dracunculus }
1 Anemone canadensis In pond terrace
1 Amphiachyris Veronica In primula bed
1 Sedum sarmentosum Pond terrace
1 Polemonium caeruleum ?
1 Erysimum planum
1 Lavatera plantagenium } Pond Terrace
1 Valeriana officinalis
5 Russell Hybrid Lupines
In the evening Geo, Clarita & I planted a bunch of pansies in front of the house
Up to 98° at four today this P.M.

April 24, 1960
Clara & I got up at 6 and after breakfast I went up to the garden
Planted in the herb garden Borage, Summer Savory, Sweet Basil, Dill & Parsley.
Also planted Wax & Green beans 4 rows each, Leaf Lettuce, beets, radishes & edible Soy beans
Watered all the seed beds & the herb garden
Trimmed the spruces.
Put hay between the rows of English broad beans, and the parsnips & beets. They are coming good and all the seeds are up except the first leaf lettuce.
Saw for the first time this year.
-Avenbird
-Scarlet Tanager
-Wood Thrush
-Redstart
Planted Stone tropical water lilies bought

April 24, 1960, cont'd)
Bob & his family got away about 2 30 PM
June & Dave were here and helped clean
up the mess and were a godsend
April 25, 1960
I went to town this morning after walking
around the place a bit & after I came home
this evening I put out a bit I mean
pardon both in the garden & down the hill
Temps are getting pretty dreary after a
week of stinking hot weather
Saw
① Yellow billed Cuckoo
② Black throated Green Warbler
③ Yellow throated Vireo
4 Red winged Blackbird

2 Yellow duars Dis out up by Sand
Clara dump its still vacant around Nipsies
Sally, Hunter Neil, Buddy Rd & Lucky Pines
this morning for the first time

April 27, 1960
I saw today
Winter Wren
-Yellow throated Vireo
-Wood Thrush many more than by my
Parula Warbler 3
- Green back Heron
- White throated Sparrow many
more than have been here all
winter. The bottom ponds very
full of them
When I got home from the
meeting at Manasquan point
I the Ice Cream order was

April 27, 1960 cont)
here. I planted
1 doz. De Graw Mr. Fobber Anemones bed of kitchen
1 " Acidanthera murielae by door
1 " Hyacinthus candicans among peonies
and Baptista
3 Lupatus scarlosa Silver tip up toward
the garden by the sugar bowl
also put out mouse poison and pulled
some weeds
Viburnum lanatum out
Persian Lilacs almost out
Little Leaved " " "

April 28, 1960
I walked around the place a bit and
saw for the first time this year
- Catbird !!
- Field Sparrow. one or two unnoticed but
there were a lot this morning.
- White throated Sparrows still abundant
Purple Finches at least 2 still here
- Pileated woodpecker at by the cold frame
Panela Warbler pair
- Tufted Tits dee nesting in one box
on the duke & on one up at the garden
Planted 2 rows) Kohl rabi the am
Cleaned up leaves at back door &
put out mouse poison around it & the
wall behind it
We went to Shawmdale but found that
Nicely hadn't started on our [illegible]
yet.
Stopped at Coffers & bot 2 Boston
Ivy to put on both trees at swimming
pool and also some plants for the
pond Grace

April 28, 1960 (mt)
Planted these
1 Bleeding heart
6 Campanula pensicafolia
3 Germ yellow)
2 Sweet Pocket
1 Tomatoes
Also pulled a lot Jock seedlings and other weeds from the lower terraces.
April 29, 1960
Went to office after looking around the place. No new birds but Purple Finches still here
Came home bringing two pink Azaleas that are a different shade than any I have
Put them out along the drive
Planted more radish seeds in onion sets, also planted 6 pepper plants.
Put notices on all members Jcabbage family on account Jthe flea beetles
Fertilized spinach, lettuce & hoed out nine.
All early azaleas in full bloom - later ones showing color Jbuds. We seem very strong in reds & white in the evergreen kinds. must work up more pinks & lavenders.
April 30, 1960.
I went over to the pool & put out 2 Boston Ivy & replaced one dead dogwood.
Took Clara to town for shopping and got one more pink azalea & a bundle of head lettuce plants.
Looked for birds and saw
yellow breasted Chat
Myrtle warblers Lots of new ones
Redstarts are number

April 30, 1960 (cont)
went to Plummers Island from there should have and didn't get back until 5:00 P.M.
Fleckenger came to see me and despite his best efforts he couldn't conceal his hatred of Tony. He stayed until seven so I didn't get any thing done outside.

May 1, 1960

It was raining when I got up this morning but quit by the time we finished breakfast. I put out the other pink azalea in front of the house and planted over a dozen rather poor head lettuce plants in the garden. Made a short bird hike and saw as new arrivals

great crested Fly catcher
White eyed Vireo
- Redstarts lots of them
Red eyed Vireo many new arrivals
- Black throated Green Warbler Several more than have been seen before
- Oven bird much more numerous

I then did hoe, carrots & parsnips and planted a bunch of flower seeds up in the garden. 2 kinds of Marigolds, Aster, Scarlet Poppies, and a few seeds of Salvia azurea. Also planted 2 rows of Kohl rabi. Pulled weeds & small oak seedlings in many places.

Jacks and Pulpits out in numbers. Went to Tom Byrd's on Shennandoah & met Harry Guggenheim. Back with me

- Lone baby Barred Owl out of nest up by Kogie Island this morning

May 3, 1960
I received the Zilkie Nursery order this morning & planted
1 Stanley Prune
1 Sapa Cherry (the label said but I ordered 9 plum by that name.
25 Horse radish roots (rather poor).
5 Red Raspberries (with others)
2 Pawpaw trees rather poor roots by others

Also 25 Louisiana iris - very poor roots - in a bed east & I dug down along the old mill race.

Took Clara to town for her glasses got 6 Burpee Big Boy Hybrid tomato plants also 4 Yellow tomato Seed Cashed it & got the Red Chestnut Strap on the ground.

Pour some Water-Thrush I

Clara walked to the dam & we able to see much better.

Carl has been pulling goat weeds out of the lower meadow. Tomatoes & Peppers planted on May 3

May 4, 1960
Got home about 5:00 PM and watered the Azaleas & Tomato. Plants. also pulled a few Jack seedlings out of the flower beds and put out more mouse poison.

May 5, 1960
I did some watering of seeds up in the garden.

Clara drove the little car to market and we stopped at Wrigleys and got 6 peppers & 6 Big Boy Tomatoes which I put out in place of the frosted ones

May 5, 1960
In the afternoon Clara & I went to see a gas Wedderburn about a right of way to the Bull Run area. He refused.
Cash finished hauling wood up under the porch and also cleaned up the garage and opened the drain pipes to the pond.
I didn't do anything after we got back except read mail & stand inside the house.

Saw for the first time this year
- Acadian Flycatcher
- Wood pewee

No new warblers. It has been down in the thirties every night for a week and that may be holding them back. Even those that have appeared have been in ones & twos rather than in numbers.

May 6, 1960
Went to Office. Cash was pulling honeysuckle down along the creek bottom. Home too late to do anything outside.

May 7, 1960
Went for a short bird walk. No new warblers seen but I heard ~~both~~ parts of two different songs I couldn't recognize.
- Indigo Bunting at feeder first time this year
- Acadian Flycatcher several
- Chipping Sparrow "
- Scarlet Tanager "
- Redstart 1

I rotored the seed beds in the garden and planted
Pickling & Slicing Cucumbers.
Butternut & Zucchini squash.
& Purple Hull & White Crowder peas

May 9, 1960 (cont)
Also watered the new shrubs up by the garden. Picked But down to the house, a fair mess of asparagus, radishes, onions, crumbs and rhubarb.
There is spinach and mustard greens almost ready.
This afternoon I pulled little oak trees out of the flower beds until my back gave out. We have never had such a crop of acorns since we lived out here and the squirrels, mice, chipmunks crows & jays didn't make a dent in them.
Some squirrel caches with 15 or 20 acorns have all sprouted. The woods are green with young oak most of which will die this summer but enough will live to make a nuisance of pulling next fall.
No white throated Sparrows today and there were only one or two yesterday.

May 8, 1960
Rainy all morning but I got up to get radishes & onions for dinner & then hauled up to Homeclub by 9 am and was still at it.
Jane & Dave here for lunch
Clara & I left for Richmond about 4 pm

May 2, 1960
We got home about 5 pm Run from New York 476 miles
The lawn looks terrible. Weeds, crabgrass, plantain everywhere. Burned it put them out also a couple from Robbins that I didn't expect until fall

May 12, 1960 (cont.)
I put 12 Rubus divaricata over in the bottom below the cabin (not very good plants) 13 Aquilegia vaseyi (I ordered 10 seedlings) There, I am sure were collected plants without very good roots. I put them in a nursery bed instead. I dug weeds as I could pleasing Cut some asparagus, & pulled radishes and onions. Staff in garden, short tube used weather Rob gum managing by other staff Ben about Steel Steel.
Williams seedlings cabin coming up everywhere.

May 14, 1960
I planted more mustard greens and more leaf lettuce this morning & spread hay over most of the rest of the garden.
also pulled a lot of cabin seedlings and some other weeds on the slope below the house.
Paul & Ethel Stevens came to town & we met them at the front door of the National Museum at noon despite the Sol and patent parade.
We left them out to Crown for our lunch then came back to telling them to the airport for an 4 pm plane Clara & I stopped to make a bet any they can come
I planted one red tomato to replace one the mice or rats got and six golden tube plants Leaves are coming out fast & thick I can't wait for them. I hope they really seem true.

May 15, 1960
a clear and not too warm day am
much I pulled a lot of weeds. Clara
+ I got asparagus, onions + radishes and
got the first mess of spinach.
I pulled some seedlings + lotta weeds from
the beds near the house and rowed on
the slope. Got a lot done even if it
isn't much to write about.
- Laura a wren has a nest in a box
on the shed.

Feb 1 Indigo Buntings today
First Warblers
" Rhododendrons Sapphire
" " Calawbense open

May 16, 1960
Put a while in morning saw
Rose Breasted Grosbeak
Chestnut Sided Warbler
Magnolia "

May 19-1960
I picked a big bunch of asparagus for
going to the office

May 20, 1960
Came home and got a bunch of radishes
from 2nd planting of radishes

May 21, 1960
Worked outside most of the day +
really made some gain on the weeds
Pulled all weeds and clipped the grass out
of the iris on the side and pulled a lot
of lotta orbs around the house
I planted radish seed and 4 more
pepper plants
Pulled a lot of weeds around the
cold frame

May 21, 1960
Clara & I picked a mess of turnip greens, a mess of spinach, asparagus, onions & radishes today.
I planted beets, navy beans, dill, parsnips and chard.
The garden has certainly grown this last few days.
May 22, 1960
It was too wet to do much outside today and I fooled around with Hoss. Had put some manure from out, pull some weeds and picked spinach, onions, & asparagus. Carl & Ann Shoemaker, Jim & Dare out for dinner.
May 26, 1960
After a hectic week & meetings I got home about 4:30 today. Clara had gotten cucumber seeds and I replanted them and also the cow peas. I put in 6 rows of the old purple hull seed that failed to germinate well. I planted it very thick & may get a stand. Planted the balance to black eyed peas. I also hoed sawdust and put it around the base of the bean plants and part of the parsnips. It goes on easier than trying to put more hay up close to the plants.
Picked mustard greens this morn.
May 27, 1960
After going to the office for four days running I stayed home
Weeded garden & put sawdust around all the rows except the mustard greens, spinach and turnips. They will all be coming out in a few days

May 27, 1960 (my)
Clara & I both ~~the~~ can over to have it fixed & she took mower to get it.
I cut weeds and trimmed around a lot of the shrubs on the dike. Also around the step irris and mechanics daisies on the north dike.
Really got some work done & the place looks much better.
May 28, 1960
I had planned to work outside this morning but when I got up it was raining steadily. I thought worked at my desk & have in pretty good shape by 10 30. I went marketing with Clara & to get a tarp for the tent.
At noon I went up to the garden & got asparagus, and rhubarb. It had rained almost ½ inches & is still at it.
The Rum is out & eats bombs and runny stary the bottom.
The crambe is thru for the year and we only got two cuttings. I think the mice ate the crowns enough to spread it so it got outside my foreging baskets.
Bob, Vinnie and the kids got here about 3 pm. The boys immediately started fishing but Steve stopped long enough to open up the pond outlet. The rain had raised it higher than I have ever seen it since we put the pond in.
I cut more weeds and grass around the shrubs on the north dike & cut some weed along the dike. It was very wet and muddy in the dike

May 29, 1960
It was cloudy + cold all day with just enough showers to keep everything sloshing wet.
The boys fished most of the day but the water was too high + muddy for them. They got a few bluegills + small bass but no trout
I mowed the weeds and tall grass on the duke + everything looks much better
Got spinach, onions + asparagus from the garden + pulled some weeds between showers
Jean, Don, Joe, Gail + Lee family were here for dinner along with the N.J. Betts and the place was an uproar
May 30, 1960
I put more hay between the rows
I parsnips, beets, carrots and kohl rabi.
I picked 1/2 a small bowl of strawberries
The first from the fairy ring to.
Also picked spinach + asparagus.
Pulled more weeds + small oaks.
Bob, Vinnie and the kid left about 1 30 Ron and Clara + I 4 5 a nap
a heavy thunder storm put .60 of an inch of rain in the gauge
May 31, 1960
Went to town but got home about 4 00 PM and thinned lettuce, radishes + parsley.
Clara walked down to the pond with me and looked at the flowers.
The sun shone most of the day for the first time in over a week!

June 1 1960
Clara + I picked spinach, rhubarb and strawberries this morning
I pulled the old mustard plants

June 1, 1960 (evening)
and planted Florence fennel in
its place. I also planted one package
of thyme seed.
The rest of the morning was spent
in pulling dead trees & weeds out of the
beds along the upper path to the garden
Gail & Doug drive past before noon and
but Clara backs from the adjacent garage
I have a hell of a mess I need from the
hill which I hope to get at in the morning
Too hot to work outside this afternoon and
I nearly melted tobogging down to the
target range for a while.
June 3, 1960
I pulled the weed out Sheres day
lilies and Michaelmas daisies and also
trimmed around the flowering bulbrush
this morning. Also pulled some weeds &
cut the asparagus.
Took Clara to the doctor & had a
cardiogram myself. Didn't do much
outside after our return as it was
sticky & hot. Washed home at the dusks
and had a late dinner with Woody &
Douglas. They helped Gail & the girl
scouts pitch camp and were late getting
bed
June 4, 1960
I cut the weeds around Stephens flowering
rushes and also mowed around the
little ~~pond~~ nursery bed down beyond the
dike. I was dripping wet from sweat
when I finished. It was hot, still &
muggy! Came up to the house and
hauled 5 loads of sawdust down from

June 4, 1960 (cont)
the garden and put around the lettle plants on both sides & the cold frame & pulled the little oaks & nettles first and hope that a couple inches of sawdust will help hold the weeds in check.
I also cut back the scotch brooms down the slope. They were getting so long & floppy that they were shading out everything else too much hope they recover & bush out some more.
I taped up the fly over the tent but it was too wet to stretch enough to cover it. I will let it dry before trying to set it up permanently.

June 5, 1960
I pulled some weeds and Clara & I went to Shannondale & met Nicely to shake out our building. We had lunch & talked with the Johnsons
We got home about 3:00 PM & Clare & June came out.
Clare & I pulled beet greens, picked asparagus, strawberries & spinach & pulled some green onions.
They left about eight and we are going to bed early.

June 10, 1960
Clara & I picked strawberries, cut asparagus got a mess of turnips & spinach this morning
I also skinned the black eyed peas, and put sawdust around them & the leaf lettuce & the last bunch of radishes.

June 10, 1960 (cont'd)
Cash + I painted the seams on the boat twice + got it ready to paint all over.
I also pulled a lot of weeds and smelled cash has cleaned out a lot of the honeysuckle on the stream bottom + cut a lot of weeds on the feed plane.
Tonight I set out marigolds that I thinned out of the garden row. Put some in places where clay sanitariums didn't grow on the dike + some by the dock.

June 11, 1960
I did a little work in the garden, Pulled the rest of the second batch of green onions + put hay over the area. Watered cucumbers, squash, Finocchio, radishes + lettuce seedlings.
Pulled oaks, day flowers + a few other weeds out of the three terraces below the house
Painted the boat inside + out.
Pulled a few other weeds around the place

June 13-1960
Bill Loomis + Bryce Carr got about a 13 inch Brown Trout which they said they caught in Little Difficult Run.

June 15, 1960
Stayed at home except for the time it took to get a hair cut.
Thinned the Finocchio, cut asparagus, got turnips and a few radishes and pulled weeds out of the beds around the house.
also started on the sprout between the house and garden.
Quit in the p.m. Bid Lee for a week + I took them shooting Georges for a while

June 17, 1960
Clara + I picked another nice bunch of strawberries & cut the asparagus for the last time. Also a nice mess of peas
I cut sprouts between the upper garden path and the road.
The men came to pump out the septic tank & found a hell of a mess. The tank was completely full of semi solid mass & its a wonder it never worked at all.
June 18, 1960
I got up and drove over to Rock Creek Park and talked to a group of women from General Federation of Women Clubs
Came back home and got spinach for Clara + then cut sprouts and peas. It was nice and cool - the nicest day to work in had for a long time. I helped Clara move furniture around + then we both took a nap.
We have invited Paul + Bess, Fred + Mutzie Lincoln + Mary Graham for a buffet dinner tonight the first party there' had since Jim got sick.
June 19, 1960
I put some Mule Kick in the drum from the septic ~~field~~.
Also strung a wire to keep the asparagus from flopping over on the rest of the garden.
Thinned the purple hulls and picked strawberries, had raspberries and a small mess of kohl rabi.
These were the first red raspberries we have ever had but we are getting an excellent crop. Growth for next year

June 24, 1960
I got home with Clara from the airport last night in time to pick the black raspberries and get some spinach & radishes for dinner.
I went to town to day and got home in time to pick both black & red raspberries & the few English Broad Beans. I pulled the weeds & discovered that the mice had been working heavily on them. Put out a lot of poison for mice

June 25, 1960
Cool & a nice breeze, a welcome contrast to the last two days.
I picked lettuce, radishes & onions. Pulled balance of radishes & planted 4 rows of feet which radishes & lettuce were.
Also put in four more cells of butternut squash when the English Broad Beans were.
Pulled some weeds in the garden & gave the purple hull peas their final hoeing.
Also weeded the Louisiana Iris bed, the pond terrace & the big bed. Iris on the north side. Also cut weeds around all the shrubs on the north side & most of those on the west side

June 26, 1960
Clara & I picked raspberries, beet greens & spinach this morning. I also pulled the spinach & tied the tops in the garden but did not get it covered with hay as I planned
Cut a few sprouts & pulled a mess

June 26, 1960 (cont)
I made beans. The entire washing bin family had to eat salmon and it was very good.

July 1, 1960
We got back from N.Y last night after dark It was rainy this morning but Bruce & I picked the raspberries & put down a mess of turnips I had to go to town.

July 2, 1960
All the kids & I went to Yeatmans marina and got to 5 Lakes but not the 3 as they had axed it. We also bot fireworks after we got back Bruce & I picked the raspberries & strung them for Clara In the afternoon Bruce & I picked the green beans & snapped them. I also put hay over the old spinach patch & a little more around the peppers We went to Shammondale about 4:00 PM & had dinner with Gail, Woody & the kids Bruce caught first fish
Clara nicely has the house nearly enclosed

July 3, 1960
I picked the beets & red raspberries, pulled the last mess of turnips, the first head of cabbage & the first broccoli
Cut a few sprouts on the of Brussels also cut down parsley & We had the fireworks last night

July 4, 1960
A beautiful cool day but my back hurts so much that I can't do much I did get some beets cooked & pickled the

July 4, 1960 cont'd
I the onion sets - Cleaned them & the turnips for Clara.
Put hoe over onion patch and the place where the turnips had been.
June & Clare came but June is not in good shape.
Dave took Steve to the train.

July 5, 1960
Went to the Doctors Office at 8:30 am & didn't get out until 2:00 PM. Had nothing to eat all morning but did get some pills to help the pain in my hip & leg and felt easier when it began to have an effect

July 6, 1960
Drove Car to the Doctors Office or rather to the parking garage & then took some stuff up to Barbara & then to Doctors Office but got back home until 3:00 PM & was worn out. They made me lie so long in positions that hurt my leg that I was almost sick at times.
The doctor gave me some pills to take which he said should help if my trouble was due solely to inflammation but instead help of it was on a vertebrae disk or a calcium deposit

July 7, 1960
After two doses I the medicine I feel better than I've ever. The Dr said he would like going to the hospital for another day & see how I felt.
Last night a man came here with a truck load of rhododendrons & mountain Laurel - nice big plants and offered them

July 7, 1960 (Cont)
planted for 2nd each. I bet Kim and Ray are coming this morning to plant them. I took them 25 more Kalmias and 33 Rhododendron maximum many in bloom. They planted them, Bruce soaked them up with water and Cash put about 4 inches of sawdust around each one.

I went up to show them where I wanted them and watered the rutabagas which are just coming from the ground and the yandy nuts.

Pulled 2 Zucchini squash the first of the year. Got pocket of green beans and got a full basket of them.

July 8, 1960

Went to the Doctors and got bad news. Jim in jail and have to stay quiet until next Wednesday when he will examine me again. In the meantime Dr to take some new medicine. Didn't get home until 7 30 PM

July 9, Bruce thinned the carrots, spinach beans & more squash. Bob, Vinnie and Steve arrived about 10 00 PM

July 9, 1960

Steve got two Trout this morning and Bruce got a trout tonight and also an eel.

Green Heron. Steve saw along creek

July 10, 1960

Bruce saw a green Heron in Steves garden

July 11 - 1960

Bruce took Geof back to the Doctor today.

Bruce pulled some carrots which we had for dinner tonight.

I worked at the desk some but didn't feel like doing much.

July 12-1960.
I sat on the porch all morning - nothing some but watching birds quite a lot. Saw or heard the following

1. Mourning Dove Heard only
2. Red bellied Woodpecker seen
3. Downy " 2 "
4. Yellow billed Cuckoo calling a lot
5. Flicker seen
6. Wood Pewee heard only
7. Blue Jay seen
8. Quail 1 Heard calling
9. Robin seen
10. Wood Thrush heard
11. Red eyed Vireo seen
12. White " Vireo heard
13. Tufted Tit seen
14. Cardinal seen
15. Scarlet Tanager heard
16. Yellow breasted Chat heard
17. Catbird seen
18. Carolina Wren seen
19. Black billed Cuckoo 1

July 13, 1960
- Wood Pewee 1
- Hummingbird Ruby th 1
- Jay
- Chickadee
- Cowbird

I got out on Clara and Gibbs & Trimmed the Rhododendrons, very thirsty planted. Bruce watered them, the Mountain Laurels by Sea Reflection, Sternitomia & Tamarack Clara got there Summer squash & 2 Cups of Blackberry Cobbler.

July 13, 1960 (cont)
I worked some at the desk & the notes
July 14-1960
Clara took both Geof & I to the doctor - They started Geof on some shots and the doc decided I should go to the hospital Saturday. Came home tired out and took a nap. Worked at the desk until my declapsing bloke down.
July 15-1960
I showed Cash how to fix up the plants down on the dike and some other chores so that he could keep busy as much as he will.
Clara took us to Shannondale where I met Nicely and the well diggers. We had lunch at the Club House and then came home.
Bruce, Geof & I went to the garden & picked & dusted the beans, got another squash & another head of cabbage. I also put more sawdust around the tomatoes and pulled a few weeds. My leg feels better tonight than it has for days despite the fact that I've been worked (mostly on crutches) more than 2 hours for two weeks.
Cash came up last night with the biggest eel I've ever seen taken out of Jefferson River. It was about 4 feet long & must have weighed between 5 & 6 pounds. He had several small eels & several suckers.
July 16-1960
I went to the hospital on July 16 and had a gall bladder operation got home at noon today and about 5:00 PM Geof & I went up to the garden & got carrots & parsley. Pete & I weeds in the garden but am sorry now I used clean most of them out. I feel fine tonight after the rest

Aug 2, 1960

Bruce & I went up to the garden this morning and did several small chores we pulled & picked the four rows of wax beans and got enough for a good mess. Bruce then picked blackberries while I watered the rutabagas, cut down the broccoli plants and pulled a few weeds. I was tired when we came back so I sat out on the porch and strung the beans.

Saw a pair of quail walk along the ditch, saw the pileated Woodpecker fly up the creek. Heard Vireos & Yellow billed Cuckoos calling but no red eyed Vireos or Carolina Wrens both of which were quite noisy when I was at home before going to the hospital

Sun I slept most the afternoon but this evening Clara & I went up to the garden, making my second trip for the day. We cut all the dill heads & pulled the old stalks also pulled the borage plants.

Clara picked a few more blackberries and I gathered a mess of kohlrabi.

Clara got me a little stool that I can sit on when I get tired & I took it with me. It worked fine.

Aug 3, 1960

Clara took me to Vienna to get a hair cut. While we were gone Bruce pulled the Kentucky beans & dug the rest of the carrots. He also watered the fire shrubs east of the garden.

Then Bruce & I planted beets, carrots, winter radishes, Turnips & spinach seeds & watered them down thoroughly. By that time it was 1130 and we quit

Hot & muggy Tues afternoon

Aug 4-1960

Bruce + I worked in the garden for about an hour. I sat on my stool + picked the blackberries, trimmed the leaves out of the red raspberries + one black cap, tied up the tarragon and weeded the cucumbers and put hay around them. Bruce carried hay to me and weeded the asparagus bed. He also picked some tomatoes

The last thing we did was to pull the weeds out of the horse radish + blackberry bed up along Bobs drive.

We then came back to the house + I peeled + sliced kohl rabi and cleaned carrots while sitting out on the balcony. Stayed out there until lunch was ready.

Aug 5, 1960

Bruce + I went to the garden at 8:30. We first put more sawdust around the pinicalico to keep it and then spread hay over the area where the wax + green beans had been.

Before we came back down we pulled the weeds + cut the sprouts out / the Lolley patch.

About 10:30 we left the Shammondale and found Gail + Wobbly gone. We went on up to the house and found the well drilling rig working and about four men fixing holes, and doing other miscellaneous work.

We got back home at a quarter to two and I took a nap.

Aug 6, 1960

Slept late and it was 10:45 am before Bruce + I got out today - We picked cucumbers, tomatos and Blackberries + I then put out some mouse + snail poison.

Steve called + said he got $80 on Civil Servants

Aug 6, 1960 (cont)
and that he was going to make it an intermediate algebra also.
Bruce & I then walked down to the lake and he cleaned it. The overflow pipe the water was 8-10 inches higher than it showed it.
We also put sawdust around a few bushes that Cash missed and then came back up for lunch.
Aug 7, 1960
Our 48th wedding anniversary & what a way to celebrate with me recovering slowly from a gall bladder operation.
This morning I went up to the garden & noted that Bruce & I had killed a lot of snails around the newly seeded seeds. But down the first head of Savoy cabbage.
Cleo went in & got Tom Kimball who is her counterpart the federation folks.
We had a very frank talk about things Clem told Cleo to tell to his brother in Buckingham.
Bruce, Jeff & I cleaned up the back yard while she was gone.
This afternoon Doris & I picked the Lazy Beauty & I shelled until I was wiped out. A great majority of the beans have sweet or fat inside them and I will not make more like them. Barbara "gave out" of hers. She must pick them by the motions that I did today
Bruce & Jeff went for a bike ride this afternoon with the Scotts

Aug 8, 1960
Bruce + I finished putting sawdust around the shrubs Cash missed and weeded the worst part of the pond terrace + part of the first terrace.
We came up about noon. It was hot but my legs were not tired. I took a map + then worked at the desks a while Spencer Smith out for the evening to discuss the legislative session.
Aug 9, 1960
Geof + I picked blackberries, cucumbers, tomatoes + black eyed peas and one summer squash. I also weeded the three beds above the house and got them in good shape.
Shelled peas + got a nice mess.
I slept much of the afternoon and then worked at the desk in the late afternoon + evening
Aug 10, 1960
Hot + muggy and every thing soaking wet in the woods after the rain in the night.
I thinned turnips + beets - radishes, put out mouse + snail poison, weeded the asparagus I still need 15 plants to fill in the gaps + staked about half of them with all the laths I had available.
I also weeded the Ilex pedunculosa and pulled some weeds from around the beds next to the cold frame.
By 10^30 I was dripping wet from sweat + came in, talked to Pol. Kozicky and Omar Chapman. Also Pauk.
Worked at the desks a while in evening

Aug 11, 1960
Geof & I picked blackberries, tomatoes, cucumbers & black eyed peas.
After that I pulled weeds on the two terraces below the house.
This afternoon I ~~pulled~~ cut up all the cucumbers for bread & butter pickles & shelled a whole bushel of black eyed peas.
Aug 12, 1960
I went down to the pond twice today for the first time since July 1.
This morning I set some of the iris & this afternoon Bruce & Bill Fooms helped me finish the job. I dug big holes & mixed cottonseed meal (a little) and well rotted sawdust & clay about them & shaly to set them in. They should do better as I left the tubers on the surface of the ground.
We decided to go to the lake next Wednesday & come back in time to go to dinner to the international.
Didn't go near the garden today for the first time since I've been home
August 13-1960
I went to a meeting of the Parks Authority last night this morning and after lunch Bruce & I picked berries - tomatoes, cucumbers & squash.
I felt lousy before we got back & went in & laid down. I had a temperature of 102 most of afternoon & evening but it went down to about 100 or 2pm.
Aug 14, 1960
Felt better but decided not to do anything much until Dave came. Went to the fair in

Aug 14, 1960
with Clare & Bruce and picked tomatoes, purple hulled peas + cucumbers. Bruce skinned the carrots & spinach & I put them between the rows. June, Clare & I shelled cow peas all the afternoon. They took some home, we had a mess & Clark froze three pints.
Aug 15, 1960
Went to the Office for about an hour & to the doctors. We both came along + found she had a cracked rib. They taped her up and we took her home. I took a nap & worked at the desk.
Aug 16, 1960
Took the Car for service and the boys to get a haircut showed Cash some work to do and picked the last mess of kohl rabi. & got it ready to eat.
Sept 8, 1960
We got home about 6^00 PM and I went to the garden to get tomatos & cucumbers. Bruce helped me.
Sept 9, 1960
Walked around the place. It is terribly dry and June says it hasn't rained since we left. The garden looks pretty good however and all the young stuff I planted except the spinach has come there. There are only two or three plants I beat. Turnips are about half grown, & winter radish carrots & beets are coming along nicely. I watered those young plants. The bell & Zucchini Squash has died but the others are doing nicely.
I also went down the hill. There are

The boys saw a Hooded Merganser
Sept 9, 1960 (cont) down in the pond
also a Hooded Warbler
weeds but nothing like I expected.
Portably began two days.
I took Steve to the eye doctor & didn't
do anything after I got home.
Sept 10, 1960
Steve got two trout yesterday & had them
for breakfast
I planted Spinach, Leaf lettuce &
radish seed this morning with Bruces
help. I also trimmed the Black raspberries
& blackberries and laid all the bayberries
along the rows. I must tie them up
until Spring.
The boys helped me pull up the
blueberries along the upper trail to the
garden & I intend to fill this area
all in with azaleas.
Sept 11, 1960
It rained 77 & on all night last night
& every thing has as wet as it could be. I
pulled a few weeds & cut a few sprouts
Bob, Vonnie & the kids got away about noon
after a hectic morning
June & Dave came about 2 30 & had dinner
with us. Dave helped pick tomatoes &
pole peas & we have a nice mess of them
for our dinner tomorrow. We also cut a
Zucchini squash & picked a number of peppers
They left about 6 00 and we are taking
our 1st rest evening since last June
It has been raining 77 & on off
evening & things are getting a good
soaking.

Sept 12, 1960
Went to the office for the first time since I had the operation. was tired when I got home. Hurricane Donna dumped 2½ inches rain on us as it went up the coast but we didn't get much wind & it cleared up this afternoon.
I went to the garden in the rain this morning to get fennel & chard which Clara cooked up into a fine dish for dinner
Sept 13, 1960
I put more sawdust around the fennel & transplanted the following all the primroses I could find along the garden path into the primrose bed
Four Thermopsis and 4 Baptista australis up along the road with the rest.
One Eryngium planum into a summer place on the dike
Weeded the iris in the dike & pulled some other weeds
Sept 24, 1960
Clara & I got home about 10:30 AM. We bought 2 lb onion sets on the way in & I planted them. Thinned leaf lettuce & radishes & put out some poison around them & the new spinach.
Picked a few tomatoes, turnips for our dinner and beets for tomorrow.
I pulled some weeds & got ready to start transplanting tomorrow.
Didn't feel too peppy after working on the pine all night.
Tom Kimball & Co family out for a while.

Sept 25, 1960
Down to 50° last night & it was nice to be out. We got up late & it was 9:30 before I got out. I did more today than any day since late June altho I had to take it pretty slow.
First I got Tomatoes & Chard for Clara & trimmed the old canes out of the Blackberries
I then moved 3 Beauty Bush, 1 Snow Berry & 1 Forsythia (Lynwood Gold) that I put on the 4th of July. In the same load I took one Hills of Snow & put it by the pond on the east side & also moved 2 Deutzia Hydrangeas on the clibe. They had been under a maple tree & were not doing well.
Then I took 5 Azalea roseum & put them in the old picnic Grounds I also took 9 Azalea calendulacea & put them up along the upper garden trail. It was slow work but I dug good holes, put saw dust in them soaked them well. I then mulched them all with sawdust.
I was ready to quit when Carl & his family arrived.
Visited with them and Dave & Jerry this afternoon.
Carl & Woody played until 9:00 PM

Sept 26, 1960
Dug a few holes this morning before going to the office and transplanted 9 Azalea Mollis ~~roseum~~ to the north side of the drive. It's evening.

Sept 27, 1960
my birthday which I celebrated by tulping
each transplant about 25 native azaleas
to fill spots along the upper garden trail.
However I tore the car over to have it
serviced before starting to work.
After lunch Clara & I drove to
Shannondale where we met Nicely &
looked over the house. It looked real
nice & we paid the final payment on
it.
Pulled up my car as we came home

Sept 28, 1960
Cold didn't show up as it was mostly
a little. However I finished outside all
morning. I rated the little Mazus
reptens plants I put out along the
drive and worked the rest of the time
transplanting

14	Azalea vaseyi	all up along upper garden path
11	" arborescens	
5	Witch Hazel	

The witch hazels were those I put from
Barabe's last spring
I also dug 6 holes for rhododendron
hybrids & will try the more the
14 or 15 that I have this afternoon
if it doesn't rain.
I put suet out this morning and while we
were having lunch 4 crows were on the ground
& one in the feeding station tree.

Oct 1, 1960 The boys got here about 2 PM
last night. Clara & I slept late but they
were out at daylight hunting squirrels
They got six

Oct 1, 1960 (cont)
I planted out along the upper garden path 15 Hybrid Rhododendrons, 1 Fortuni Hybrid & 1 R. macrophyllum & watered them in good.
I also put 9 R. catabawense down the hill.
Tom Kimball was here looking at lots with Dave Wiebens
Four flocks of Canada Geese went ~~down~~ over from today while I was out
The boys saw 4 wood ducks on the run
Oct 2, 1960
We left about 10:30 for Bernardsville and were in Gettysburg about noon. As we left going north a car driven by a woman smoked into us from a side street. By the time we had finished getting insurance data etc. And getting our car fixed at the Olds agency (so it would run) it was 2:30 and we didnt get to Bernardsville until 6:00 P.M. Bob, Mother, and all of Bob's family + Guy + Cora were waiting for us
The Olds men said it would take $400 to $500 to repair our car
Oct 3, 1960
We drove to Staten Island arriving at 3:00 & spent the night at Gays
Oct 4, 1960
Came back home arriving at 5:00 PM
Dave had a bad week monday night. He had his head & lip sewed up & was stiff & sore all over

Oct 5, 1960
I went to the office for a while & then to the insurance agency to fill out a report
Then I went & took Jane & Dave to see their car. It looks like a total wreck to me. Took Dave to see his boss and then shopping. after that I took my car to Fairfax and their estimate of repairs was $546. Left at Ford & Clara picked me up. Junco's here

Oct 6, 1960
Cash saw 4 woodducks at the dam
He & I worked transplanting all morning
more two Rivers Japonica from foundation planting to a place in front of the house
moved 8 Blueberries in garden & got 5 good rooted offshoots which we put down on the drive near south end
We also moved out of the cutting garden & planted down below
1 Viburnum tilcba on north drive
1 Rhododendron Fr. Clostomum (2).
4 Viburnums from Bonbbes on drive & south side of woodpile
4 Red Raspberries on south side bed
1 Spirea Stev's garden
3 Myrica " " } From
3 azaleas " " } Bunches
2 Myrica near ducks on south side
1 Fetch Pussy willow near iris bed on wet bottom
In the afternoon Cash & I cleared out a patch of huckleberries and planted 17 evergreen azaleas in the area.

It was just below the old fence ground. The azaleas are here.

Oct 6, 1960 cont
Several Juncos & Myrtle warblers and one ruby throated Sparrow around.

Oct 7, 1960
Carl worked with me all morning at transplanting & he has been cutting sprouts this afternoon we transplanted
about 13 Rhododendron catawbiense on slope below house.
2 Azalea viscosa east side } pond.
2 Persimmons edge } Stakes garden } Above dam
3 Beech along the path toward the dam.
2 Pink Mockernuts dozier with others
4 American Plum with others by dam road. Seedlings Bleu & I collected
This afternoon I went out and collected about 25 Barberries & heeled them in for Carl.
I also collected 10 asparagus seedlings & planted them in the garden to fill gaps in the bed.
By that time I was ready to quit so I came on house at 3:00 PM.
Also planted one Magnolia virginiana on east side of the pond.

Oct 8, 1960
Took the kids & Clara & went to Patapsco for a picnic they were having.
The kids each won a silver dollar in foot races & generally had a good time. Inez left Clara's mother with June and stopped on the way back for Clara to sleep with June. It was nearly dark when we got back

Oct 9, 1960
We worked outside some. Martha helped me get tomatoes + turnips from the garden, pulled some weeds + helped me cut sprouts down along the ditch from the drive to the end of the cement ditch below the house.
I watered the young stuff in the garden and the Azalea arborescellos that I planted up that way.
It has been rainy + drizzly all day.

Oct 10, 1960
Cut a few sprouts in the evening after getting back from office

Oct 11, 1960 Again in office all day. No cash. It was nearly dark when I got home + didn't even go outside.

Oct 12, 1960
Sept bill. Picked tomatoes + 4 squash that were outside the fence.
Put sawdust around the azalea arborescens and a few other plants.
Put down a Florence fennel + chard to go with it for dinner tonight.
Cut sprouts below house along the road. but bugs got so bad I had to quit

Oct 14, 1960
Cut sprouts a while + worked at desk in evening

Oct 15, 1960.
Cash helped me pick a whole wheelbarrow load of butternut squash.
Rush + Emma Cribb in about 6 pm

Oct 16, 1960
Puttied around with Rush. Setting at beds + trees, etc
Saw one Luna Sphinx moth +

Oct 18, 1960
season. Tew bids except around
house. Two myrtle warblers

Oct 19 1960
Rush Emma & I picked about a
bushell & green tomatoes, 3 Zucchini
Squash & 1 butternut. There are about
3 more good ones that are not quite
ripe up there.
Every one here for a picnic
Oct 21 1960
Picked a few radishes.
Oct 25, 1960
I got some wood up door pairs this morning
before going to day. Picked fast getting in
from wednesday last night
Tonight I got in more wood and pulled
the Squash, tomato, pepper & Corn pea vines
went to a Northern Virginia Parks meeting
at night & didn't get home until 11:00 Pm
Oct 26, 1960
I got up wood & cut some sprouts while
Cash was making cedar stakes for the garden
He and I then worked the rest of the day
putting the boards, wire tied for trellis, em
placed the stones & old logs along the
beds in the garden. The mice nested them
to cosy in and so I replaced them
with Cypress treated planks
I did pick up six bulbs I then
cried to them up & we put them down
to the basement
I was tired as hell when we quit
and laid down for an hour to rest
Lots to report days only 24 hours long

Nov 3, 1960

We got home after dark last night. I got up this morning & looked around. Cook had finished the work in the garden and was cutting down some dead trees. It had rained nearly an inch Cook got two inches

Nov 5, 1960

Didnt get home until dark last night so didnt get around. This morning it was still so I ordered 7 sacks of dried manure and put on the asparagus. Dug the half of the garden that is vacant. It will take four back more to finish the job.

I got lettuce & spinach for a salad and green onions & radishes for dinner. The garden soup is excellent

I did a number of small chores which included pulling out about 25 seedling iris (supposed to be yellow the kind Jane has) I spaded up next bed when we have been digging around.

I also got up three wheelbarrow loads of wood & picked up the leaves around the back door & picnic table.

Just as I finished that it began to rain & I came in the house

Quit & Woody came but the kids but it was raining too much to work or fish so I took them to supper

Mrs Cupper gave each of them a book & I got them 3 colors & 1 geranium that they picked out

I also got a dozen chrysanthemums of colors different from ours. They included spiders, buttons & just plain mums.

Nov 6, 1960
I got turnips, radishes & onions from the garden & fixed up the parsley for we could winter it.
The kids & I hauled the leaves out of the gutters this morning & I also planted a dozen chrysanthemums which I selected at Kenyons for color & size.
Had to go get Jim & Dave in the afternoon & take them home. Gail Landon came & talked over Dave's trouble a while with him.
Gail & Woody came after I got back from taking Jim & Dave home
Nov 8, 1960
I went and got Dave & took him to Fairfax for his trial for reckless driving. I then came home and Clara & I went to vote.
about 12:30 Dave called & said he was ready to go home. He was convicted & fined $75.00 and costs but didn't lose his drivers license. I got back home about 2:30.
After I voted Cash & I put sawdust on the pond terrace around the new chrysanthemums & some other plants asked after I came back in the afternoon she hauled the 25 bales I threw into the garden. I scattered 10 bales over the west bed and have the balance piled to put on the asparagus & the east bed.
This was the warmest day I got this tonight it was 22 this month the coldest day yet this year

Nov 11, 1960

Clara & I went to Wildcares to look the place over. There have been many new houses built but no other developments.

We stopped to see George Grove & didnt get home until 8.00 P.M. altho I had hoped to get some work done.

Nov 12, 1960 very frosty this morning Dand 2 didnt go out until about 9.30 am!

Did a lot of small chores. getting up wood getting lettuce, Sprouts & onions from the garden put 6 or 8 Scotch broom seeds on Scotts bank, put one pink Michaelmas daisy down with the others, put out a pot of mimbelis Lily seedlings about the house, got in the fly over the tent and did some cleaning up around.

In the afternoon Gail & the kids and Dan Jansen & his wife were out & didnt leave until after dark.

Nov 13, 1960

I did a lot of little things out of doors. I put out the bodds & eds I fed fertilizers & cleaned up the garage when they were.

Pulled all the nets that were left because the rabbits or squirrels were getting into them.

Trimmed some sprouts and Dave & I fixed a new cover on the hot bed & put it in the basement. I also trimmed up the maple tree that Doug cut down & got it out from across the lower trail.

We went to the Hunter Valley meeting at Bill Allens.

Nov 21, 1960

Got home last night at 9 30 and found the bench & nursery stock from Forest Keeling Nursery. I had to go to town early but first got parsnips & onions for clara from the garden I came home early and planted

5 Rosa rugosa with the others on the dike
3 Washington Thorn - 2 on north dike & one along bottom road below sawdust pile
3 Cornus Kousa
3 " florida
3 Malus Zumi } by cold frame as I couldn't remember which was which. They were identified by catalogue numbers only.

Carla got three mushrats last night all in the pond

Nov 23, 1960

I stayed at home today and worked outside despite the fact that everything was damp from a light rain last night

I potted 6 of the white Azalea for gail
planted 7 white azaleas } above pond terrace
7 corsage "

Got upwood & laid a fire
" turnips & onions from the garden
Gathered two sacks loads of leaves from around the kitchen door
Planted 1 Hemlock down the hill from the cold frame.

In the afternoon I took the car to have the snow tires put on it, did the marketing, got a sack of cottonseed meal, three bales for clara and a dozen primulas which I put up in the primula bed.

Got parsnips for clara & put out mouse poison where mice had eaten the parsley

The man I got rhododendrons from last

Nov 23, 1960 Cont
Spring came back & replaced two I them - I also bot 3 Azalea calendulacea from Conn & ordered another dozen Rhododendens & a dozen azaleas.

Nov 24, 1960
I carried water to the 5 plants put out last night and hauled sawdust & put around them.
I also moved a tree peony down & put it on the north end I the pond terrace. Put sawdust around the blueberries, the 5 rugosa roses and the three hawthornes I planted on or near the dike.
Date turkey with Bobs & Jims families
Steve & I put hay on the asparagus bed and straw on the patch where we have the young holley trees on the burn.

Nov 25, 1960
Took the boys to George Jones place today and bot back 7 rabbits, 3 squirrels, 1 quail & 1 Dove. Bruce killed the quail & 2 rabbits & a squirrel, I got the rabbit & Steve 4 rabbits, 2 squirrels & a dove.
I was tired as hell when I got home

Nov 26, 1960
Steve helped me haul compost and I covered the stuff along the drive and the beds above the house. Gail & I went for a walk in the afternoon & Steve took Dog squirrel hunting. He shot at four but didn't get one

Nov 27, 1960
Steve helped me get up wood and then we put leaves over the fence into the berry bushes & covered them with straw. The garden is now put to bed for the winter

Nov 27, 1960 (cont)
except the patch in which we now have turnips, Spanish radishes, rutabagas & parsnips
We spent 2 hours walking around the farm looking at plants & birds.
Bot & family got away at 3:00 PM and Ross Leffler & his wife came just as they were ready to go.
about 4:30 Clara & I went over to Archers and visited a while got home about 5:30 and I went to work at the desk

Dec 3, 1960
I waited all day for Rhododendrons & Azaleas but they didnt come.
Dug parsnips, and pulled the rutabagas, turnips & Spanish Radishes. Put out mouse poison and got some sawdust put around a lot & plants out along the drive
Martha & Mary here all day and I didnt get much chance to work.
Dec 4, 1960
The 4 sacks of sheep manure came about dark last night and I spread it and six bales of hay over the remainder of the garden except where the parsnips are.
Clara & I went for a walk after lunch and then I put fertilizer around most of the azaleas & rhododendrons between the upper garden path & the road.
Have the place in better shape than ever before but that is due partly to the fact that I've had cash to help in many of the things that I formerly did myself when able & time & Doctor but found time with the few so they didnt com

Dec 4, 1960 (cont)
This is the first Sunday in a long time that we have been alone for dinner.

Dec 10, 1960
Clara + I got back from New York last night after dark. It was snowing this morning when I got up so I quickly got up wood and looked over the place to see what Dave had done. All 10 loads of sawdust has been handled and all the wood is up from the bottom. I did no work outside except shovel the walks and a place for the birds 8 inches of snow when I went to bed

Dec 12, 1960
Five more inches of snow this morning. I reshoveled the walks + the bird place and worked by spells on the drive. By night I had a place cleared in which I could back + turn the car.

Dec 13, 1960
More of the same. By noon I had the steepest part of the drive cleared and by 4:00 PM could drive the car out to the road. The road has'nt been plowed yet and I don't know whether I can get out or not.

Dec 16, 1960
Got out with the car + Clara went with me. She went shopping down town and then we stopped at Sandys and the grocery store on the way home. It was after six when we got home but we had no trouble except a dropped jam in McClean.

Sept 17, 1960.
Stayed at home all day but didn't do anything out of doors except to put up a new bird feeder we got at Sandys. We put it at the kitchen window and before I could get in the house + to the window a titmouse was there feeding. They quickly picked the sunflower

Dec 17, 1960
out of Universal feed & before the afternoon was over they were trying to get sunflowers thru the glass.

I counted 36 morning doves, 15 Blue Jays and a dozen cardinals at the feed at one time Juncos & white throated sparrows were too numerous to count.

In addition there has been 1 Yellow breasted sapsucker, 1 Hairy Woodpecker, 3 or 4 Downy Woodpeckers, 2 Red bellied Woodpecker, 1 Crow, 6 or 8 Tufted Titmice, 1 Carolina Wren, 1 Meadowlard & 8 to 10 Starlings. We decided to begin to shoot some of the starlings. They are so aggressive they drive the blue jays & Red bellied Woodpecker away from the feed. The doves ignore them.

I haven't see a chickadee nor the white breasted Nuthatch since the storm on Sunday.

I did shovel a path to the wood pile and hauled about six loads of wood up to the front porch. The thermometer got up to 38° this afternoon after dropping to 8° last night

Dec 18-60
Snow still too deep to work anywhere. I hauled up more wood & shoveled out a path along the clothes line for Clara. Temperature down to 10° last night but it got up almost to 40° during the day.

I went & got June & Dave & Gail & Lee family came out later. They took Dave & June home.

I worked at the desk in the evening.

Dec 20, 1960

Stayed at home but took most of the day to get the car greased & help Clara do her Christmas dinner shopping Saw a gray fox in Hunter valley

Dec 20, 1960 (cont'd)
In the evening we went to Dan Jamans for a christmas party and it was snowing when we came home.
Dec 21, 1960
Snow turned to rain during the night and the snow melted some for the first time since it fell. Went to town.
Dec 22, 1960
Played at home in am. & Clara & I went over to Gails to take the presents for the kids. Got home about dark.
Dec 23, 1960
Down to -2 below zero last night the coldest night we can remember. The thermometer went to 5° below once while we were away. We went to town to go to the Institutes Xmas party at the Cosmos Club. We did some shopping on the way home & barely made it up the hill on Vale Road.
Dec 24, 1960
I went to town to get a package from Jean at the Viking express office & then to my office to get the 20° gauge gun. Couldn't get up the Vale Road hill and finally backed down & came around the other way. Couldn't make it up to our drive either so put in a lot of time shoping ice, carrying ashes & dirt & shovelling snow. Finally with Mr. Scott help we made it & the car is in the garage. I fell once & am sore all over.
Bob phoned about 3:00 PM & said that Christa was sick and that they had taken her to the doctor. He hoped that they could come tomorrow and would let us know. We are taking for the first Xmas ever since June was born

Dec 30, 1960

We got back late last night from Ocean City and slid past the drive in the glare ice. We drove most the way in a steady rain but it froze only on the ice + packed snow already on Leeds road.

We worked all morning getting the drive ^and road fixed + getting Bobs + my car off the road.

I took Clara marketing and didn't do much else the rest of the day.

Dec 31, 1960

Worked a bit getting up wood and chopping ice.

Boy, Vinnie + Christi out to some friends Jimmies, Donnie + Geo over to Scotts and Clara Skins + I at home.

We had a drink at midnight

Jan 1, 1961.
It rained an mudd last night and the Rain is out into bowls this morning.
I went & got June & Dave at noon & Gail & her family were here when I got back.
Clara had a nice dinner & Bob & his family got away about 3 oo PM in the usual fuss. He certainly had a load.
I had to find a tree for Martha to chop but it was cold & raw outside even tho the temperature stayed at 40 or above all day. There was a chill damp west wind that melted the snow some. Even the birds are glad to see it go. Its been three weeks that I have been fighting snow & ice every time I stepped out the door.

Jan 2, 1961.
Clara & I spent the day until 3 oo PM cleaning up the house, the sidewalks & the basement. I did get up more wood & collect sleds, sleds tools etc left by the kids in various places.

Jan 5, 1961
at home all day. I counted 51 Mourning Doves at feeding station this morning.
worked on income Tax and at desk. The only thing I did outside was to get wood up onto the porch.

Jan 7, 1961
Woody but Martha & Doug to stay with me and we worked out a while this morning. It was the first time I've been able to do anything outside since the big snow on Dec 11. We pulled some honey suckle growth & the dube, trimmed off the vegetation on the lower wall & the pond terrace and put sawdust around a number of trees & shrubs.
At the afternoon I did the marketing taking the kids with me and then took a nap.

Jan 8, 1961
It stayed warm & cloudy altho the sun shone off & on all day.
I tried out the big saw & it worked some better. Doug & I cut a couple of trees that were too close to the metasequoia on the south dike.
We also hauled quite a lot of sawdust and put around the shrubs on the south end of the west dike. This should make it somewhat easier to keep the weeds down around them.
We walked up to the garden & it is still almost solidly covered with snow. We therefore didn't try to dig any parsnips.

Jan 12, 1961
I stayed home after 3 rather strenuous days and took the kids over to be serviced for the Florida trip.
I also hauled a little sawdust and put around such trees as the ~~ground~~ snow had cleared from since Sunday. I have all but one on the south dike mulched, about half of those on the west dike and a small start on the pond terrace.
Also got up more wood for our fires.

Jan 14, 1961
Clara & I got back from a brief trip to Front Royal and found that the snow had disappeared from most areas in the woods.
Got no work done because the Jaudons were here but we enjoyed their visit very much.

Jan 15, 1961
When I woke up this morning it was raining but I went at 11:00 & got June & Dan we had a lunch & then started for Bull Run - Cub Run Park. By the time we got there

Jan 15, 1961 (cont)
it was snowing hard. Fred Packard & Cecil Hall were there together with Running Fox & others & we went over the area. I came back home & spent the afternoon here. I arranged for one of the Scott boys to feed the birds while we were gone & showed him where the feed was. It had rained .90 inches before the snow started and at 7:30) it is still blowing & raining a bit. The Rum is up but not out of its banks.

Tom Jane & Dave came in a heavy snow that was sticking on the pavements but by the time I got home it was largely gone.

Jan 17-61

Ed Campbell started to fix up the area under the house. When done it will give us an excellent place to work and a place to store things.

Feb 25, 1961

We arrived back from our southern trip about noon & found the snow all gone except for a few spots in the woods. The pond was still frozen but it was thawing fast. A few snowdrops and one blue crocus were out but otherwise a few bulbs coming close to the surface are the only signs of Spring.

There was 4 inches of water in the rain gauge and it rained another .30 inches after we got here. I cleaned off the steps some & laid 9 more. Also hauled a few concrete blocks away so Clara could get her car out. Went to Leesburg for a meeting and got a wrody out for dinner with the kids.

Talked to the folks at Salem & learned

Feb 26, 1961
Got the blocks all out of the way, cleared with Dave's help the brush off the ice & dug the few parsnips that the mice hadn't eaten and spread straw over the beds.
Dave & June out and I had an accident on the way back from library Chevy Dome smashed my right fender & headlight & scratched a door some. Brian Lies headlight & right fender & grill.
Feb 28, 1961
at home but worked in the house all day except for getting on wood.
March 11, 1961
We got home at midnight March 9 but didn't have much time at home on the tenth since I had to speak at a National Research Council meeting. Oo
It was down to 20° last night but I worked outside much of the day.
Cleaned up the porch & got up wood, getting the least of the oldest wood piled so it was accessible on up on the porch.
Turned the compost pile & then went to work fertilizing rhododendrons & azaleas & made real progress at it.
Len & Floyd Jansen came about one and we planted the 50 Fairfax strawberries that came last night & put out some onion sets.
We also shifted the wood that each cut so that we could get them with the wheelbarrow.
I called Campbell and hoped he would show up yesterday but he came neither then nor today. I didn't work hard but am tired tonight & may be quite stiff tomorrow

March 11, 1961

Phoebe was here this morning a lot & purple finches we may have lost some individuals but like mockingbird at least one Carolina Wren, a nuthatch and all of the others are here.

Fewer Doves & many fewer bluejays.

The pale blue species Crocus buds & the Golden is not known. Also Narcissus minimus, Dutch crocus mostly yellows also a few blue & white are open, the Snowdrops & two of the blue winter crocus down the hill are up!

Many Rhododendrons suffered severely & one or two Pink Pearls & 1 Sappho may be dead. The Catawbiense & maximums came thru all OK.

March 12, 1961

I put cottonseed meal around the azaleas & Rhododendrons on the lower slope and then finished pulling mulch around the rest of the trees & shrubs on the dike. I also put sawdust over Steve's daylilies & asters and did some along the east side of the pond. I had to come up to the house to talk to Bruce & Steve & altogether made four trips up and down the hill. My legs ache tonight.

Considerable snow damage to shrubs that I've been over.

June, Dave & Gail & her family here for the first picnic dinner of 1961. It was a beautiful day.

March 16, 1961

Windy & raw. I took the car to be serviced & inspected and during the morning did a lot of little things. Got up wood, picked up some leaves, trimmed a holly & white pine that broke in the wind and put sawdust on the north half of the

March 16, 1961 (cont)
pond terrace. Scattered a bale of straw about the Pieris floribunda & Rhododendron roseum
Every bush on the place shows some snow damage, some much more than others. The deciduous species are broken worse than the Rhododendrons -

March 17, 1961
Cowbirds - first this morning

March 18, 1961
3 Cowbirds this morning
I got out about 9:00 am & hauled the balance of the old wood up to the front porch.
Then I hauled sawdust and covered the pond terrace to beyond the road. Then the stone wall.
I then started hauling from the new sawdust pile - saving the old stuff for the small terraces. Dan Jansen & his family came while I was at it & Dan helped me haul two loads & me then came up to the garden.
We planted the balance of the onion sets and several rows of Wando peas. We put out snail poison all along the rows.
I dug a mess of celeriac and cut down and we trimmed the blackberries and tied up the boysenberry vines.
We put one load of sawdust down & put on the rhododendrons along the upper trail & then went down to the pond & hauled sawdust until it started to rain.
We quit about 4:00 P.M. They left about 5:00. Ran & quit & woody & the kids came about six.

March 19, 1961

I had planned to work outside part of the day but rained steadily. I therefore worked at the desk all day and did some bills and a lot of reading. Visited with Clara & Jane in P.M.

March 21, 1961

Clara & I put in the morning and part of the afternoon selecting furniture for the motel units at Shamokdale. We spent about 1750.00. I called Mr Nicely and arranged for him to take care of the stuff.

Cash & Ebb Campbell worked all day in the basement and have it ready to lay the concrete floor. Campbell will do it on Saturday.

When I got home I hauled some sand up to the garden for the squash pits and hauled 3 loads & sawdust down to put on the rhododendrons along the trail.

March 30, 1961

I got back from ~~New Jersey~~ Cayuga too late to see anything last night.

Today Clara & Gail & I went down the hill. Erythroniums, violets, mayapples are up & we found one spice bush & two Spring peauties in bloom.

Campbell finished the basement while we were gone & it looks fine.

Cash finished splitting poles today & got the balance of the big oak out of the path.

I hauled more sand up to the garden and hauled sawdust & put on a lot of rhododendrons & azaleas between here and the garden.

I planted one Osmunda cinnamomea on the lower terrace & have six Trillium to plant tomorrow or next day. Also took leaves out of the gutters

Tired as hell tonight.

April 1, 1961
Rhubarb up.
We saw Robins & Bluebirds today.
I told Steve to get a non resident fishing
license & found it cost 15.00
I cleaned up east of the sand & planted
two rows of Swiss chard.
This morning Steve, Bruce & I moved all
the stuff in the garage under the house and
cleaned up the furnace room & the garage.
The boys fished much of the day despite the
fact that the creek was high and muddy.
They caught nothing but had a good time.
Planted 3 Listers Scarios & alba
3 " " September Morn
up east of the garden, also put
some sawdust on the rhododendron.
April 2, 1961
I hauled sawdust until 11.30 and by that time
finished covering the pond terrace. Steve & I
then went up to the garden & planted
Parsnips, Radishes, Beets, Carrots & Turnips. I also
put fertilizer in all sides of the hills for
squash & melons. We also put a load of sawdust
down.
Steve, Bruce & I left about 5.00 PM for
Mount Royal

April 6, 1961
Steve & I set 20 stakes for beans & tomatoes in
the garden. I also hoed one load of
sawdust down & put it on azaleas.
Took Jeff to the dentist in the afternoon
Ammonium Nitrate out today

April 8, 1961

Steve & I set the other 20 stakes yesterday. Dan Jonsen came before we finished & helped. We also planted parsley, kohl-rabi & spinach and set out 14 Early Jersey Wakefield cabbage plants that I got & 12 Vanguard cabbage & 12 Buff lettuce plants that we raised in the house they were pretty spindly & we put pots over each of them.

Hauled two loads of sawdust down & we now have most of the Azaleas mulched.

Tried longjet. Saw 1 Erythronium blossom today

April 9, 1961

Steve & I went to Battle Lake & got seven nice Crappies. It was cold & raw & we were glad to quit and come home for a 12 o'clock dinner. Bob didn't get away until 3:15 and then Clara & I went to see Jane in the hospital.

I pulled the first onions of the year today.

At Battle Lake we saw

(1) Red billed Grebe 1
2 Great blue Heron 1
(3) Ruddy Ducks 2
(4) Bufflehead 1
(5) Pied Crow 2
(6) Common " Sea
7 Barn Swallow
8 Tree " C
9 Purple Martin 1.

Some of the species tulips are opening & the grape hyacinths are showing color. Shad bush is open touched Cham bradya bent awns start.

April 12, 1961
Peas, & Turnips coming up. I planted
two rows of mustard for green

April 13, 1961
When we got up the bottoms were flooded &
the ground covered with snow. The water was
the highest it has been since we built
the pond. It had rained 1.8 inches last 6 hrs—
when I went up to the garden

May 13, 1961
We got home last night after dark & just
before a thunderstorm. This morning I found
3 inches I accumulated water in the
rain gauge.

Pulled onions & radishes & cut asparagus.
Dan & I thinned & weeded the entire garden.
He tied string beans up & tomato plants up.
We planted fennel, black eyed peas,
pole limas, Kentucky wonders, Butternut &
Summer Squash, Watermelon, & Cucumber
seeds. Everything is sopping wet & I
was tired.

We learned that the trout I ordered for
the Potlatch had been put in the pond.
Bill Loomis & the kids had caught about
70 and put them in the stream.
Martha & Doug each caught some today
& we will have them for breakfast.

Tommy Little and a number of other
boys take up a lot of my walks hunting
snakes and I got after them hard.
Don't know that it will do any good

There are two pair of house wrens
in our bird boxes, one at Lucy & one at the
garden & a pair of White breasted Nuthatches

May 13, 1961 Sun,
in one of the bogs on the Cabe.
Sat on the porch for a while & saw
Red eyed Vireo
Magnolia Warbler
Myrtle "
Canada "
Cape May "
Scarlet Tanager
Towhee
Black backed Flicker 2
Wood Thrush lots
and Kentucky all
over the place
Ruby the Hummer
and the usual birds about the place.
W. whippoor wills singing in evening.

May 14, 1961
I was somewhat stiff and sore from
yesterdays work out and didn't do much
Martha & I batched it last
night Martha cooked a very good dinner
and they were fishing this morning
before I got up. Martha got one trout,
I got breakfast & cleaned up & Bit & Ken
we collected June & Bo and went to Shamokin
Our stuff is not there yet and Clark
Gail & Woolf had to improvise a plan to
sleep. Came home about six PM & I
took Martha & June home.
Heard the first great Crest today

May 15, 1961
got home about 1 AM from N.Y and got onions,
radishes & asparagus from the garden before lunch. Cash
has place all ready for seeding Lespedeza and has
at last got the big tree down by the garden.
After lunch I pulled weeds & planted in the garden
trimmed up the blackberries, pulled rhubarb for
the house & pulled all the radishes out of the
rows & parsnips.

May 19, 1961 (cont)
There is a catbird nest up on the holly bush near the garden. 4 eggs
May 20, 1961
Cash had the area on Bobs drive ready to seed. I spread fertilizer & put out both the Lespedeza sericea & bicolor out & raked it in. Now all we need is a good shower to start it.
Stan came & helped & we put more mulch on the tomatoes & peas & cabbage, pulled the weeds out & most of the garden & Clara & I got a mess of spinach for a salad Stan really liked it.
In the afternoon I went with Gail & Clara and got 4 geraniums, 6 dark blue petunias, 12 Salvia, 3 Begonias and 6 pepper plants which I planted.
Fished in the evening & caught 13 trout on the smallest black gnat fly I had. Cleaned them and got them ready for breakfast.
May 21, 1961
I pulled weeds & cut the grass in the iris on the dike before going for June & Dave.
Martha & Doug helped! I also got onions and asparagus from the garden.
Got a nasty shower in evening & I got very little done. Wood Thrush nest by garden
May 23, 1961 3 eggs
I felt lousy this morning & stayed at home. Planted, cypress vine seeds & porch & marigold & Kochia seed on the dike.
Clara & I cut the first ones I shared, thinned lettuce to get a mess & cut asparagus. Planted two watermelon plants that I

May 23, 1961
bot at Vincents & moved the weeds on the slopes on the north dube.

May 26, 1961
Worked some pulling weeds after I got home. It was wet work as we had a half inch rain during the day.

May 27, 1961
I put sawdust along the string beans and started on the parsnips by the time Dan Jansen came. We put sawdust around beets, head radish & cabbage & thinned the second crop beets.
Next week the cow pies should be ready to mulch also almost every thing else in the garden. I cut some weeds on the dube

mday 28, 1961
I pulled the weeds out of the pond terrace & put sawdust on the old primrose bed.
Bob & Minnie got here about 4:00 PM yesterday and the boys have been fishing ever since
Bruce & Bills Sonnas slept on the dube last night and ~~slept~~ Bruce here but up about twenty trout today.
I picked spinach for the cloud today & also spinach, turnip greens, ~~potatoes~~ onions for June & Dave
I caught 4 trout out of the pond tonight and the boys have about 20 out of the creek

May 29, 1961
Stayed at home & pulled weeds & cut sprouts on the slope below the house until it started to rain. Took Steve to Vincents and got 2 pole cucumber plants & put them out.
Washed around house helping Clara & got a big mess of mustard greens from the garden Christie birthday and we had a big celebration

May 30, 1961

Steve & I went for a bird hike and saw the following.

(1) Turkey Vulture
(2) Mourning Dove
(3) Barred Owl (calling)
(4) Ruby Throated Hummer
3) Pileated Woodpecker
6) Red bellied "
(7) Hairy "
(8) Downy "
9 Eastern Kingbird
10) Crested Flycatcher
11 Phoebe
12 Acadian Flycatcher
13. Wood Pewee
14 Barn Swallow
15 Purple Martin
16 Blue Jay
17 Crow
18 Black Cap Chickadee
19 Tufted Titmouse
20 House Wren
21 Mockingbird
22 Catbird
23 Brown Thrasher
(24) Robin
25) Wood Thrush
26 Cedar Waxwing | Slept soundly
(27) White eyed Vireo
28 Red eyed Vireo
29 Prairie Warbler
30 Northern Water Thrush
31 Yellow Throat
32 Yellow breasted Chat
(33) Redstart
(34) House Sparrow
(35) Meadowlark
(36) Orchard Oriole
(37) Grackle
(38) Indigo Bunting
(39) Scarlet Tanager
40 Cardinal
41 Goldfinch
42 Towhee
(43) Henslows Sparrow
44 Chipping "
45 Song Sparrow

I planted 4 rows of long season beets in place of the mustard greens, took the stuff off the windows & trimmed the barbary hedge along the walk.

Bob & family got away about 4:00 PM the earliest they have ever made it.

Clara & I picked strawberries & spinach for dinner & then I weeded the three beds above the house and cut sprouts around the two rose

May 30, 1961 (cont)
I rhododendrons that were from Rhododendrons to the garden x
Fished a while tonight and got three fish 2 in pond & 1 in Driftwood Run. I lost four after I had them played out.
June 3, 1961.
I put sawdust around a lot of stuff in the garden & planted more watermelon & cucumber seeds in the hills that didn't come up.
Picked rhubarb, spinach, onions and chard.
Don Poole & Jim Trefethen & families out for a picnic. The kids had a great time fishing and got 16 trout & 1 blue gill
June 4, 1961
Clear & 2 picked strawberries & spinach this morning & I cut a lot of sprouts
This isn't such a big job any more as the old roots are pretty well dead & the new little trees seldom live in the dense shade.
June 6, 1961
Cash was here & between us we got a lot of little jobs done. We fixed the boat & got the overflow pipe working again. Cash mowed mowing the ditch & then we put sawdust on the bed from the dock south past the dead oak.
We moved the compost pile and then put sawdust on the rows when the turnip greens were pulled Today and also weeded and put sawdust around the Tomatoe seedlings
we also pulled the big weeds out of the Lespedeza seeded bed in Bobs draw

June 19, 1961
I met Clara in New York & drove down with her arriving here at 2 3/4 PM
We picked peas and shelled them - also getting lettuce and asparagus for dinner
Clara fixed peas & new potatoes & we haven't had anything so good since we left the nursery at Portland
Gail came out to bring Clara's car and when we took her home we had to bring both kids home with us
June 20, 1961
I thinned beets & carrots this morning and tied up some of the tomatoes before going to the office
June 21, 1961
It rained steadily all day & I worked at the desk until about 2:30 when the rain slowed down. Then I went to the garden & did a few chores.
Tied up the rest of the tomatoes
Put sand around cucumbers & muskmelons
Put sawdust around the beets thinned yesterday
" " on the rows from which Clara pulled the spinach
Found one head of cabbage ready to cut
June 22, 1961
We picked the first cabbage & blueberries this morning.
Clara took me to town after lunch & then picked me up at 5:30 to go to the Eastern Shore.
June 26, 1961
Picked a big mess of peas, and a good bunch of blueberries, black raspberries & ~~black~~ boysenberries
Also picked beet greens & lettuce for dinner

June 25, 1961 cont'd
In evening picked beet greens for Jim and
greens, lettuce & rhubarb for Gail. Gave
each son shelled peas that Jim & Dave
helped finish.
Steve shot two turtles and the pond &
caught four trouts in the pond
Ranch hand after dark.

June 27, 1961
Picked black & red raspberries which Clara froze.
also pulled briars, clipped sprout and got the
raspberry shoots worked inside the barb wires.
Picked Clara a head of cabbage & some Chard
for dinner tonight and pulled the last of the
radishes.
Pulled grass & weeds around the bird
feeding station & put out more food.

June 29, 1961
at home all day. Put cash to digging narcissus
bulbs and I cut sprouts on the slope below the house
Got all the weeds out of the small rhododendron
Picked lettuce & some black raspberries for Gail that
she didn't take. Tied up tomatoes
We went out to dinner with the Sheppards &
Gail & Woody.
Steve & Bruce arrived before we left

June 30, 1961
When I got home from the office Bruce &
Steve had 17 trout - 2 from the pond & 15 from
the run
We picked the first mess of green beans
tonight and also picked the black & red
raspberries.

July 1, 1961

Hot & sticky day. Bruce & I pulled the peas & picked the last peas. We also tied up tomatoes, & weeded the cow peas.

Steve & I planted marcissus bulbs in the bed in front of the house and covered the bulbs with sawdust. We also put bone meal & sawdust in the bottom of the bed.

Dan came & we planted green beans, Chinese celery cabbage & 10 hills of butternut squash

Also canned some of the blueberries with melting.

Dan took some peas, black raspberries, beet chard cabbage & lettuce home with him.

Bruce & I shelled the remainder of the peas.

It got up to 90 and I was so warm that I didn't enjoy fishing altho I tried at a while. Ten boys fished at dock and got 4 trout

July 2, 1961

I picked black & red raspberries before the boys went up and Steve helped with the blueberries.

We also opened up all pipes so the maximum amount of water is going thru the pond.

I'm beginning to think its mudsnails that keep the pond so muddy since it has had time to settle out since the last storm.

Both Bruce & Steve helped plant bulbs this morning and we got about two thirds of them ~~Friday~~ planted.

I went & got June & Dore about noon. It was sticking hot and we played in the house until a thunder storm (mostly noise & little rain) cooled it off. We got beets & cabbage for June & 2 bottles of Coca Cola about 5 30 getting back at noon

July 2, 1961
I fished a while with no luck - pond is still too muddy for flies and came up about eight.

July 3, 1961
I took Roger Case, Bruce & Steve to Buttle Lake and we got 2 bass, 3 crappies, & 3 blue Gills. after dinner Bruce & I picked black & red raspberries

July 4, 1961
The boys both helped plant the rest of the narcissus and Bruce planted the Scilla's that I'd dug up from space now occupied by the garage.

Steve & I mowed weeds in the new lespedeza and covered the old strawberry bed with sawdust. Also put sawdust on two beds between house & garden.

Tied up tomatoes, pulled onions, picked beans & the last of the radishes.

I shrapped beans & peeled Kohl rabi for lunch.

July 5, 1961
Had the first Zucchini Squash from the Garden Picked black caps in the morning & Bruce picked the red raspberries & blueberries in the afternoon. He also cut the weeds & grass around the Iris.

July 6, 1961
Stayed at home. It rained hard all morning & Bruce & I cleaned a big mess I stuff out of the basement. I also worked at the desk until after lunch.
Picked black & red raspberries & blueberries and got Swiss Chard for dinner.
Barbara met Geof and brought him out. She had Wanda with her and

July 6, 1961
Ray took rhubarb, swiss Chard, Beet & Cabbage with them
Bruce, Billy & Roger took a shot out of the pond today.
July 7, 1961
Cash didn't show up this week despite his solemn promise to come wednesday.
I came home from the office with my desks clear just in time to meet Bruce & Roger Kase with 21 very nice bass that they caught in Bowmans Pond. They camped that last night.
Martha helped me pick red & black raspberries & blueberries & I got Cabbage & onions for Clara
After dinner Bruce & I took sand up to the garden to cover the squash mounds to prevent drying out. We also put sand all along the fobuchis ready to blanch it. New squash, Chinese Celery cabbage & string beans are all up.
I also finished covering the English pumpkin seeds with sawdust.
Helped Bruce scale & fillet the bass and Clara fixed some for dinner & froze the rest
July 8, 1961
Picked Black Raspberries & String Beans after I got back from Pollock bay & Bull Run Falls. Also trimmed out red raspberry canes
July 9, 1961
Up at 7:00 & Bruce & I went down and the bottom at 8:00. We worked for two hours & in that time we found the little beach trees and cut weeds around it, weeded & put sawdust on the Lowbush blueberries & weeded the Nicholmas daisies & top dressed

July 9, 1961 (cont'd)
Martha & Bruce both helped on that job & Martha picked the blueberries.
I went to the garden at 10 and trimmed out old black raspberry canes & carried them out of the garden.
Just as I finished Dan Jantzen came & we planted Rota baga & carrot seed, put out snail poison and dusted all the beans & cabbage with rotenone
we also picked lettuce, chard & beets for Dan and I picked up the onions & put them down
We have picked 5 Zucchinie squash up to now
June & Dave came & got lettuce & Swiss Chard. and took some onions
I also pulled some weeds & finished putting sawdust on one bed above the kitchen.

Aug 4-1961
We got home about 3:30 from Bear Lake bringing Steve & Geoff.
Bruce & I picked Kentucky Wonder Beans, Tomatoes squash, Cucumbers & a head of Savoy cabbage.
The garden looks wonderful and I've never seen parsnips so big & healthy looking. Bean beetles and Jap Beetles have been busy & done some damage despite the amount of dusting Dan has done. Still some snails altho there are rodeo dead ones on the ground.

Aug 5, 1961
It was raining when I got up but quit by the time we had breakfast. Everything was wet and disagreeable but Bruce & I worked in the garden all morning. We weeded the asparagus bed & the herb garden, the beets & carrots.
We also pulled the oldest string beans & put the plants in the sawdust pile keeping

Aug 5, 1961 (cont)
that decomposition heat used to kill all of the mexican bean beetle eggs on them.

We planted radishes, spinach, turnips & leaf lettuce for a fall garden & I dug & & milkplanter onion tops & planted them. We still have chinese celery cabbage, chard, rape and some turnips to plant and also fall onion sets

We also mowed the weeds in the newly seeded lespedeza & piled them up to one side Marsha & Gerry picked the first blackberries after I had trimmed enough canes to make it possible to pick them. They are the stickiest plants I ever dealt with and fun going to get rid of those in the garden after the crop is off.

Gabel got cabbage, kohl rabi, tomatoes & cucumbers & this afternoon Clara & I started all the cucumber bread & butter pickles we will need for a year

Aug 6, 1961

Bruce & I made some cedar posts & strung a wire to keep the asparagus from lopping over the garden next to it

We also planted kohl rabi, Chinese celery cabbage & more turnips.

I trimmed the rest of the blackberries & dusted with sulphur some of the asparagus, all of the beans, red raspberries & blueberries.

Clara made 12 pints of bread & butter pickles which I helped to get ready last night.

Dave & Jane shot the little red ear back and Dave helped pick the cucumbers & tomatoes.

Aug 10, 1961
I stayed home today. It was sticky + muggy all day + while I worked outside most of the morning I didn't get too much done.
I did hang a bird feeder and work out the size of my compost bins.
After that I dusted all the beans, grapes, blueberries + red raspberries.
Picked six big Zucchini Squash, quite a bit - 3 tomatoes, a big basket of cucumbers, two heads of cabbage + the herbs that were left of the first spring planting.
Dolly picked 4 big mugs of cow peas and shelled them + dried them for Clara
Aug 12, 61
I pulled weeds, harvested garden stuff + got a patch ready for onion sets.
It was a hot day and after Dan Camp we didn't do much. But finish the garden
Bill + Steve got here about 4 30 this morning.
Aug 13, 1961
Clear + cool. I pulled some weeds got fish for Peggy. Did some little jobs about the place and laid the foundation for two compost pens.
Aug 17, 1961
Watered garden - pulled weeds, picked vegetables and showed Linda what to do while we were gone.
Tom's Aldo to Jane.
Oct 8, 1961
I got home from the Hawaii, Utah + New Mexico trips last night about 9 30 Clara who had come on ahead out of Salt Lake met me in town. Steve was here and all the kids were out today

Oct 8, 1961 (cont'd)

The garden has some weeds and apparently has been quite dry. There has been enough rain to start them up & there is leaf lettuce, & spinach big enough to eat. Lots of tomatoes & some cucumbers & lots of squash (butternut) There are also lots of beets & parsnips & a few carrots from the latter plantings. I picked tomatoes, a few cucumbers & a mess of pole beans. The cabbage worms got the rutabaga & kohl rabi leaves but didn't hurt the turnips.

I hoed the runners of the strawberries & trimmed the black caps & black berries so that we could get there.

Oct 9, 1961

Cash came back and said he had not done any work since I left. I put him to many weeds of which we have a great supply

Oct 10, 1961

I took the car to the garage for servicing and Cash & I started to haul the manure I got from the Scotts & put it on the asparagus. I cut all the tops & laid them lengthwise of the rows & spread manure about 2 inches thick over the entire bed. We finished this just before noon & Cash is starting this afternoon. I also cut the tops out of the blackberries in the garden & then we dug the roots out & also with the remaining collected weed up & put out on spinach, lettuce & Chinese celery cabbage.

Picked 2 Zucchini Squash & many tomatoes. Got in wood for a fire tonight & after a short rest washed at the dock

Oct 14, 1961

I got home from Resources C&RD C meeting about 5:00 last night with a bad cold & a head ache. I went to sleep about 7:30 and slept almost without a break until 8 this morning

I intended to pick tomatoes & squash today but did a lot of little chores first. I burned a lot of trash after emptying & cleaning up the basket burner, pulled weeds & cut sprouts around the house. Fed the bird feeders & helped Clara clean up the furnace room. By that time a thunderstorm came up & while it mostly passed us up it has been raining now for two hours - I haven't even been up to the garden.

Oct 15, 1961

It rained all day yesterday but stopped some time in the night. Cold & windy today & will surely frost tonight.

Picked Tomatoes, peppers, Zuchini Squash, cucumbers and also one 50 Butternut squash Put a half bushel of green tomatoes & a bunch of squash in furnace room.

I also thinned up the blackberries outside the garden and cut tomato & bean vines down off the stakes. Clara got here with June & Dave just as I was coming down to the house. I also planted 2# of onion sets that Clara got yesterday.

Dave & I put the boat into the water cleaned it & the pipe & put a screen over it.

Oct 21, 1961 Rained all day. I worked at desk all day and got a lot done. Clara also got a lot done for me Saw first white throated sparrow at feeder this morning

Oct 22 1961

Spent the morning out of doors. Got up wood for a fire. Got vegetables for Clara & cut sprouts.
Went at noon to get Dore & June & then went to Dan Jowers for a drink & dinner & then we took them home.

Oct 24, 1961

At last I got a decent day to work outside & worked from 8 to 12 30 before Clara called me for lunch.

We saw the first Juncos of the fall & the first Carolina Wrens at the feeder since the big snow last winter.

Cash worked with me all morning & we got many small two man jobs done.

Transplanted the big Japanese Pieris from under the window & put it in front of the house.

Transplanted two Bayberries to last jump of the garden.

Transplanted two Salvia down onto lower terrace slopes.

Put out about 20 rooted English Ivy on the front bank on upHill side of the drive.

Put three Cornus Mas, 3 Cornus Kousa, & 3 Malus ~~Sargentia~~ Zumi that I had by the coldframe down on the dike. Put 4 Cedars down on bottom.

Moved a hydrangea under the window where the Jap Pieris was.

Put a post in to hold up the fence where the vine grapes was pulling it down.

Put leaves over the fence & put them on the berries & the place where the squash were last summer. Also trimmed black caps & picked a number of Zucchini Squash. There was just enough

Oct 24, 1961 (cont)
to kill the squash vines but not the pepper plants.

Oct 28, 1961

Spent morning working outside spreading hay cutting brush etc. I went to the oyster roast at Plummers Island at 11:00 and got back here at 4:00 PM. A beautiful day. Martha & Doug helping me spread hay over the asparagus bed & most of one half of the garden

Oct 29, 1961

Worked outside for a while getting plants from Tom Kimball & then started to clean up the weeds on the terraces. Place is beginning to look better. Clara took me to a tea at 2 o'clock 21 A. Plane for Madison wis

Nov 2, 1961

I got home last night about 4:30 and dug two parsnips which were more than Clara & I could eat. They were good.

Saw the first Brown Creeper this morning

Cash & I put straw over balance of the leaves to hold them down. Put sawdust & fertilizer on the old bed at end of berries & got enough hay in to finish covering the garden.

Mulch Finished out for winter.

Nov 4, 1961

A man Id hired came with three others & took down the red oak in front of the house & the big hollow black oak down the slope They busted up the barberries along the walls pretty bad & broke limbs off from my flowering crab & wrecked badly the Washington thorn on the pond terrace They also busted up some of the walls

Nov 4, 1961 cont)
but did far less damage getting them
down that I thot would be possible.
Bob & the boys got here last last night
& Stan & Bruce helped me get the worst
of the brush cleaned up. It was hot
(for the season) & I couldn't work long. We
had turnips for dinner that first from the
garden. I'd saved them for the boys
Nov 5, 1961
Steve & I cleaned the leaves out of the
drive and from the gutter from burden
up to Bob's lot. Bob want to sell this
lot to me & we'll make a deal thank you
Bob & Vinnie & Christie & Joseph about 3 oc PM but
the other two boys stayed until Tuesday
Nov 9, 1961
Clara & I rested & then I came home &
worked a little around the place but spent
most time showing Cash what to do. Clara
took me to the plane at 4 oc PM & then took the
boys to the Bus. I got to Bridgeport on time & was
met by Paul & Doris
Nov 10, 1961
Stayed at home & got Parsnips, a head of
Cauliflower, Celery Cabbage & Spinach from the garden
Got up wood, cleared the path to the trash
burner and looked over the work Cash has
been doing. Came in & worked at the desk
Nov 23, 1961
I got back from Switzerland night before last but
went to the office & work yesterday & didn't
get out over the place until today,
Bob & his family arrived at 3 oc Am but I was
sound asleep. Woke at 5 oc and couldn't go back
to sleep as I'm still running on Swiss time

Nov 23, 1961

After doing the usual chores I got turnips for dinner for the Thanksgiving dinner. Jimmy & Dave out and did a wonderful dinner. I walked over the place & found that the leaves had not blown nearly as much as in previous years and by now they are pretty well bedded down.

The last two nights have been pretty frosty and the Chinese Celery cabbage has frozed some however I have four good heads that I put down. Gone on to June. Spinach is still good and while the old leaves of the lettuce is damaged new ones are coming on.

I saw 3 Fox Sparrows + 1 Brown Creeper at the feeders and counted 20 Does & 15 Jays. There are lots more Chickadees & Titmice, 3 cardinals etc.

Nov 24-61

We left here at 9^00 am & met George Grace at Applevale at 9 45. We went on up onto the edge of the mountains for a grouse hunt but found the place swarming with deer hunters who had already started the grouse and we didn't find any until late afternoon. Shot got a cottontail & 2 shots. I was tired from the climbing & was glad to get back home for dinner

Nov 25-1961

Put straw on windward side of the top apiaries and puttered around a bit. Took Bruce & Ken Kemp grouse hunting at Markham. We walked over 6 or 7 miles and flushed four coveys. Got three grouse I was tired when we got home from them about 7 30 PM was pleased that I outwalked the boys both I certainly were much more tired than I. They went to sleep almost as soon as we got in the car

Nov 26, 1961.
Stayed at home. Steve & I moved the two magnolia Liliflora that I have to better places and then put an azalea & about a dozen of the big ornamental grasses in his garden.
We also pulled all the beets & turnips and put them in a sand box in the basement. Did a lot of little maintenance jobs about the place.
Bob & his tribe got away about 4:30 and Clara & I drove home & Dave came about got back at 6:00 P.M. It seems very quiet here

Nov 29, 1961
Cold, windy & raw. I did the outside chores & then worked in the house until we had to go to the plane.

~~Nov 30, 1961~~
Dec 1, 1961
Collam & his wife out for myself. Clara started to take them to town about 10:00 am and her car balked up on Hunter Valley Road. Collam came back & got my car and after we couldn't get started she took mine
I walked back to the house and got someone to fix it. By the time I got there they done it was noon.
This afternoon I got the leaves out of the gutters between our drive & Bobs and put down the last mess of Rotel rabbit that we will have this year.
The Purple Finches have finally learned to get up onto the new feeder & help themselves to the sunflower seed. Now the Siberian Chickadees have some competition
Several Brown Creepers about

Dec 2, 1961

I got quite a lot of work done today. I picked all the spinach & dug the remaining carrots. I intended to leave the parsnips but found the mice had already started on them so dug them also. Put three bags of sheep manure on the rest of the garden & then covered it with hay. Also hauled down enough straw to cover the strawberry bed when the ground freezes and put new straw over all the patch where the small holly trees are.

Don & Floyd Jansen out for a while, & took a short nap this afternoon and am still tired tonight.

Dec 3, 1961

I got the leaves out of the gutters (4 loads) did a lot of small chores and dug the first horse radish. Clara fixed it for dinner and everyone that ate was sure.

June & Dave out

Dean Poole & his entire family here for a while to get some white pines.

Stanley Brown, & Bally Cox from Leesburg, Harold Taylor, Bill Harris, Tim Hanson & Jack Peckham here at 3 oc PM for a meeting of the Coordinating Committee on the Potomac.

Bill Harris is the new member from Falls Church for the N. Va Regional Park Authority.

Clara & I took June & Dave home & got back about 7 30 PM.

Dec 9, 1961

I got home about nine last night from our Board meeting in New York.

This morning I did a number of small chores and spread two sacks of sheep

Dec 10, 1961
manure on the flower beds around the house & on the terraces. Just as I finished about 12 30 it started to snow. It has kept it up more or less all the afternoon until at 4 00 PM the ground is pretty white Lots of birds around trying to fill up where I the snow.

Dec 12, 1961
Clara & I went to take the motors to be cleaned etc & then went to cemetary to arrange for the removal of Iris to our vaults
Came home & worked all day in the library sorting papers & cleaning up generally. Also dictated a lot of letters

Dec 13, 1961
Cash & I moved the little holly that Herb Mills gave me up the hill with the other smaller named varieties.
I also had him put compost on the two upper beds on the terraces & then had him putting sawdust around all the shrubs on the dike. Gave him the job of clearing honeysuckle from the area beyond the pond drain

Dec 16, 1961
I intended to work out of doors today but it was iced (raining) and everything was frozen.
So I worked in the library & really have it in good shape now. Also worked at the desk

Dec 17, 1961
Everything was covered with ice this morning I went & got Jane & Dave & took them home despite the fog. The roads were OK

Dec 18, 1961
It was still raining & iced but I did the outside chores & then finished the library. It looks

Dec 18, 1961 cont)
real good yet there is still a lot of work to do.

Dec 19, 1961
In office all day working on mail & several meetings. In afternoon meeting to organize the world Wildlife Fund.

Dec 22, 1961
Got in wood, cleaned leaves out of the gutter again & slept some after meeting Sleet & Snow at the bus station at 5 this morning.

Dec 23, 1961
Potted up some parsley plants for Clara & then took Kong, Marika & Bruce up into Bobs lot and knocked over a lot of trees killed by the fire of several years ago. The little hollies & some of the dogwoods are making a good comeback but many larger trees are gradually dying. Worked at desk in the afternoon.

Dec 24, 1961
For the third week end in a row we have had lousy weather. It started to snow yesterday about 2 30 PM and has everything covered and is still snowing at 4 00 PM on Sunday. It has not been cold but is getting worse now.
Despite the weather Stan & I covered 3 beds with compost - got up more wood and then cut quite a number of dead trees up beyond the garden. Tom Kimball came yesterday and got some little hollies & white pines and got them planted before the snow started

Dec 25, 1961
It snowed until after dark last night and the roads were icy for a while. They were all right when I got home & home.
It was a bum Xmas for us. Gail & Lee

(Dec 25, 1961 Cont)
stayed away because they that we would have two big a crowd. Dave & June were drinking enough so she was a little stupid and Dave noisy. & Bob who said they would start down about 9:00 am but didn't started at 1:30. Clara had planned dinner for 4:00 pm on there account but had an excellent one but we didn't feel very much like turkey there at all. I got tabl from Cathy Dave & June home about 6:15 and we had a drink together the most relaxing thing I the day.

Dec 26, 1961

Three evening grosbeaks at our feeder this morning before I left.

Dec 29, 1961

10 evening grosbeaks at the feeder this am

Dec 30, 1961

Ground still snow covered & I made Bruce very unhappy by prolonging our hunting trip. I did take Bill Stotmir, Ken Kemp & Slats down & know some Blue Necks for them but Bruce wouldn't shoot.

Worked at the desk for a while then afternoon

Dec 31, 1961

Up at about 8:40 am. while I was dressing I heard a familiar thump on the big breakfast room window and when I went out I found a dying Evening grosbeak on the top open under the window. I skinned it and found a broken beak in the adult female

Steve helped me with many chores & finally at about 3:00 PM they got away after the usual bullshit that it takes to

Dec 31, 1961 (cont)

Got the Nesbitts under way.

Its been deadly quiet & lonesome like enemy but also restful.

It has been bright & clear most of the day but it had clouded up & looked like snow as predicted by the time Bob left.

We had one quail at the feeder Sharon saw Friday the first bird seen in some time

Added them that we have on the year end

Blue Jay up to 18 or 19

Mourning Dove 30+ in the morning;

Carolina Chickadee 6+ } These come & go as
Tufted Titmouse 3 } individuals & not
White breasted Nuthatch 3+ } hard to estimate numbers

Starling 1

Crow 1

Mockingbird 1

White throated Sparrow 18+

Junco 25+

Cardinal 15+

Purple Finch 20+

Evening Grosbeak 15+

Downy Woodpecker 3+

Hairy 1

Red bellied woodpecker 2.